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NOTIFICATION No. 5072

ANNUAL MEETING OF RATEPAYERS

Resolutions

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Resolutions will be brought forward at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers to be held in the Grand Theatre, on Wednesday, April 19, 1939, at 2.30 p.m.

Resolutions I, II and III.—Appointment of Chairman and Secretary and Adoption of Rules of Procedure.

Resolution IV.—Election of a Land Commissioner for the ensuing year.

Proposer: Mr. H. S. POULSEN.
Seconder: Mr. E. TROCK.

That Mr. Erik Crone be elected a Land Commissioner for the ensuing year.

Resolution V.—Election of four Governors of the General Hospital for the ensuing year.

That Messrs. A. C. Cornish and G. A. Haley and Drs. T. B. Dunn and W. S. Parsons be elected to serve on the Board of Governors of the Shanghai General Hospital for the ensuing year.

Resolution VI.—That the Report and Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1938, be passed.

Resolution VII.—That the estimated expenditure for the year 1939 contained in the Budget proposed by the retiring Council, together with the recommendations attached thereto be approved and adopted and that the Council be hereby authorized to impose collect and recover the rates taxes dues and fees recommended therein and to raise should it be considered expedient to do so upon such terms and in such manner as the Council may in its discretion think fit a sum not exceeding $12,000,000 or the equivalent thereof for the purpose defined in the estimate of Extraordinary Expenditure.

Ratepayers intending to ask questions in regard to the Accounts or other matters connected with the foregoing Resolutions are requested to give notice of such intention at least 24 hours before the meeting.

By order,
G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, April 16, 1939.
12181

NOTIFICATION No. 5081

ANNUAL MEETING OF RATEPAYERS

Resolutions

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on addition to the Resolutions to be brought forward, as published in Notification No. 5072, the following will be proposed at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers on April 19:—

Resolution VIII.—That the Secretary be instructed to convey to the Chairman and Members of the Special Committee of Business Men an expression of thanks and appreciation for their most valuable services to the Council in connection with their Report on Municipal Staff Exchange Adjustments and Bonuses.

Proposer: Mr. ROBERT L. STEWART.
Seconder: Mr. R. D. CHISOLM.

By order,
G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, April 11, 1939.
12182

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE FIRST SPECIAL AREA IN SHANGHAI

NOTICE No. 3247

In re APPLICATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE
of
The late
CHARLES HENRY ELLIG

Notice is hereby given to the public that:

WHEREAS Mrs. DOLORES LEIGH ELLIG and Miss BERTHA ELLIG have filed a petition with this Court for issuance to them of Letters of Administration for the above-mentioned Estate, stating in essence that the first petitioner is the relict and the second petitioner the sister of the late CHARLES HENRY ELLIG, an Austrian, who died on August 9, 1938, in Abbazia, Italy, at the age of 53, leaving 2,000 Shares Bute Plantations 1913 Ltd.; 3,000 Shares Padang Rubber Co.; 2,000 Shares Sua Manggis Rubber Co.; 50 Shares of the The Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co., Ltd., and a cash deposit, including interest thereon, with the Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China, Ltd., Shanghai Branch, (amounting with interest up to August 9, 1938, to CNC $1,429.46), which estate is to be administered and inherited in equal shares by the petitioners in accordance with the Law.

Now Therefore publication hereof is made in the newspaper to notify the public that whosoever objects to such petition shall file such objection with this Court within the period commencing from the first day of the publication and ending on the twentieth day after the last day of the publication. If no objection has been filed within the above-specified period of time, the Court will forthwith grant Letters of Administration of the said Estate.

(Seal of the Court)

March 30, 1939. 12048

Change of Address, etc.

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To-day's Events

APRIL

19 Koschevsky's pictures and sculptures, 55 Yuen Ming Yuen Road
19 Corps Sergeants Mess, S.V.C., Whist Drive, 8
19 British Scouts Association Members' Social, B.F.R.C., 8
19 Violin-Recital by Prof. Wittenberg, American Women's Club, 9
19 A.D.C. 'Room for Two,' Lyc., 9.15
19 *Primrose Day*
19 *William Adams landed, Japan (1600)*
19 *U.S.A. went off gold standard (1933)*

Coming Events

APRIL

20 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
20 B.U.S.C., 'Chemical Therapy,' by L.H. Barton, Esq., 114 Peking Rd., 6
20 B.U.S.C. 'Jane Austin,' by Mrs. J. M. Whittington, 521/14 Ave. Haig, 5.15
20 Concert, Community Church, 9
20 A.D.C. 'Room for Two,' Lyc., 9.15
21 Dramatic Entertainment by P.T.H.S. for Girls
21 B.U.S.C. Music Group, 575 R. Sieyes, 5.30
21 University of Michigan Alumni Club annual dinner, Winter Garden, 8
21 St. George's Ball, C.S.F., 9.30
22 St. George's Children's Party, Country Club, 4
23 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
22 A.D.C. 'Room for Two,' Lyceum, 3
22 A.D.C. 'Room for Two,' Lyc., 9.15
23 Municipal Orchestra Symphony Concert, Lyceum, 5.15
23 'Svengali,' (Trilby), Lyc. Theatre, 9
24 Junior Reel Club, Open Afternoon, 6
24 Signals Coy., S.V.C., Annual Dinner and Dance, 7.30
25 Anzac Day Memorial Ceremony at Cenotaph, 8.30 a.m.
25 A.W.C. Bridge and Mahjongg, 3
25 Australian & New Zealand Society's dinner, 8.30
26 Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co., Ltd., Annual Meeting at 11.30 a.m.
26 B.W.A. Sports, Bridge/Mahjongg, 3
26 Theosophical Society, 75 Jessfield Road, Public Lecture, 6
27 Rummage Sale, American Women's Club, 9 a.m.
27 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
27 K.D.S. Bridge/Mahjongg Tea, Race Club, entrance Mohawk Road, 3
27 Old Marlburian Club, Dinner, S'hai Club, 8.15
27 G. Koudinoff's gala performance 'The Last Waltz' by Strauss, Lt. Op., Lyceum, 8.45
28 B.U.S.C. Annual Meeting at Park Hotel
28 Nordisk Fest, Cercle Sportif Francais 8
28 American Junior Chamber of Commerce, Dinner Dance, 9
29 'The Last Waltz,' Lt. Op., Lyc., 8.45
29 A.T.A. presents 'Whose Money,' 'The Eve in Evelyn,' 'A Flower of Yeddo,' at Shanghai Jewish School, 9
30 St. Andrew's v. St. George's Soc., Golf Match
30 'The Last Waltz,' Lt. Op., Lyc., 8.45

MAY

4 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
4 S.W.A. general meeting, C.S.F., 4
4 B.W.A., S.S.B, Jumble Sale
4 Le Ballet Russe, gala performance of 'The Sleeping Beauty,' symphonic ballet music by Tschaikowsky, Lyc., 9
4 American Sch'l operetta, 'Boy Blue,' 4
5 Annual Dinner of the Society of Chartered Accountants in China, 8.15
5 Shanghai Camera Club Meeting and Lecture, 330 Szechuen Road, 9
6 Cathedral Boys' School Athletic Sports, Kiaochow Park, 2.30
6 American School operetta, 'Boy Blue,' 5.30
6 Ballet Russe, 'Sleeping Beauty,' Lyc.
7 Ballet Russe, 'Sleeping Beauty,' Lyc.
9 German A.D.C. 'Lauter Luegen,' Lyc., 9
11 B.W.A. Gardening Club Day, 4
16 Cath. Boys' School, M.C.L. Entertainment, 5.30
16 Gala performances, Lyceum Theatre, 'Music Hall 1900/1939'
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By Order,
PAUL PREMET.
12206

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Seventy-fifth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Company's Head Office, 656 Yu Ya Ching Road Shanghai, on Tuesday, May 2, 1939 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon to receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1938, to elect a Director, to elect Auditors, to declare a Dividend and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from April 23, to May 2, 1939 inclusive.

Proxies to be valid must be lodged with the Secretary not less than 48 hours before the Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. J. BROWN, *Secretary.*
Shanghai, April 19, 1939.
12208

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J. R. BROWN, *Secretary.*
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12196

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty Ninth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at No. 49 Szechuen Road, Shanghai on Thursday, May 4, 1939 at 11.30 a.m. for the following purposes:—

To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1938, to declare a dividend, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 26 to May 4, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
Secretaries and General Managers.
Shanghai, April 19, 1939.
12210

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To receive the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1938, to declare a Final Dividend, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 26 to May 4, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Secretaries and General Managers.
Shanghai, April 19, 1939.
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The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from April 12 to April 19, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above vessel on her voyage from Europe and way-ports had fire on board during her stay at Haiphong on April 8/11, 1939.

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The following is the circulation statement certified by the Company's auditors for January to March 1939.

"The daily average circulation of the 'North-China Daily News' for the months of January, February and March, 1939, was ten thousand three hundred and forty-five copies, exclusive of 'frees' and vouchers."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Do You Know?"

Inquisitor's Statement Queried

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—On reading your "Do You Know" by Inquisitor on page 2 together with the answers on page 20 of your Sunday issue, I find that Inquisitor has committed a mistake in answering Question 4, "In what year was the first war between China and Japan?". He writes that the first Sino-Japanese War occurred in A. D. 1281 when Kublai Khan made an unsuccessful attempt to invade Japan. So far as I know, the Khan's march, at that time, was interrupted by the storm, and returned at the middleway without encountering his enemy; that cannot be called "war" in any sense of this word. The right date is A. D. 650, reign of Kou Chung of Tang Dynasty, 622 years earlier than that your writer mentions.

At that time, Korea was divided into three independent states: Kou Kanlee, Pachi, and Sinloo, all under the servitude of China. Eleven years after Kou Chung, the third successor of Tang Dynasty, came to the throne, the governor of Pachi, named Fusin, intended to lead a revolt. He made the former prince of Pachi, named Fu Yu-fong, brother of Ichi, who had been captured by the Tang soldiers during an old conspiracy, king of Pachi, established their own sovereignty, and sent an envoy to Japan to ask help in men and foodstuffs in preparation for the war with China. Next year, these conspirators were badly defeated, and the Japanese soldiers shared a similar fate, and totally collapsed at a place called Pai Kiang, now the delta of the Gin River. This has been known as the Victory of Pai Kiang Delta, our historical pride.

If you want to go into more details, I beg to refer you to page 809-10 of the "General History of China" Vol. III., by Chang Chan, published by the Commercial Press.

S. H. Sun.

Shanghai, Apr. 18.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei:

A Plain Citizen's View

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—Before answering Mr. Wang Ching-wei's reply published in your paper on April 10, I would like to satisfy Mr. Wang that I am only a plain citizen, a non-politician and have never been in Government service either before or since the Government established at Nanking. My answer is, therefore, a plain citizen's answer purely out of common sense and most likely representing the correct impression of a great majority of the Chinese people at present.

Apart from the question of rightness or non-rightness of his principle, Mr. Wang speaks as if he were of the high responsible officials of the Chinese Government at the time when this war started. He blames Chinese authorities' lack of good faith and sense of responsibility while he himself was occupying an influential and highly responsible position as the chairman of the Executive Yuan of the Government. He was entrusted with the nation's affairs or at least he was in close counsel with Generalissimo Chiang. If he did see things beforehand as he is speaking now, he was in a much better position than any of our plain citizens to declare his principle if he really did have such a principle. He could easily sacrifice his life to uphold his principles if his movement was really meant for the good of the nation. But he did nothing and spoke of nothing at that time to prevent the war. Did he intentionally neglect his duty and speculate with the fate of the nation? We are at a loss.

Mr. Wang's reply gives us the impression that he aims to evade his responsibility and tries to deceive the Chinese people and the world at large. The facts in the past do not allow Mr. Wang to have such a freedom of shaking off his responsibility. He now proves himself to be unworthy of trust, especially since in most of his life he was fed by the nation and lived on the fortune of the nation. Whatever may be the result of the war, Mr. Wang can never again be entrusted with the nation's affairs and loses for ever the respect and confidence of the Chinese people.

A Plain Citizen of China.

Shanghai, Apr. 17.

House Rentals:

A Chinese Reader's Opinion

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—I wish to go a step in accordance with my grievance that there are now unfair events in the world. Owing to the world-wide crisis caused by the aggressors' attempt to reach their chief ambitions, fighting is still continued somewhere in the world, especially in China. The so-called "isolated island" of Shanghai is also a part of the war zone, and now the battle spreads in the various provinces of China, causing numerous refugees to come to the safely areas of the French Concession and Foreign Settlement of Shanghai with their poor belongings, to maintain their unhappy life. Part of them, rendered homeless, live in the refugee camps which have been erected by the Chinese-Foreign philanthropic bodies, and others in the respective lodgings of their relatives and friends, some rent for themselves.

The Sino-Japanese conflict is the oblique chance of the X landlord, on pretext of surcharges by municipal tax and lighting fees, etc., to increase X per cent on house rents. The burden is being inflicted on tenants and sub-tenants, only to make money during the hostilities, and high-handed proceedings have been carried out by the X landlord without any moral right, while if the tenants do not satisfy him the landlord threatens to eject them, finally instituting proceedings in the courts—while all these unfortunates come from the invaded area.

I hope the authorities concerned, especially the Special District Courts, will deal carefully with the civil cases, and that on appeal upon expiration of house rent contract between landlord and tenant a reasonable term will be granted when the decision is made, as it is not easy to find empty houses during a time of war.

K. S. Dan.

Shanghai, Apr. 18.

President Roosevelt:

Thanks from a Chinese

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—Since the last several months, intelligent and upright people in every land around the globe have been asking themselves: "Does it not appear inevitable that another Great War is soon coming? What can be done or said in order to prevent this inevitability? Who is in a pivotal position in the world and at the same time has the courage to take the initiative against the recourse to arms?"

Now Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, takes that initiative. What may be the result of his action for the cause of peace in the form of a concrete proposal to Herr Adolph Hitler and Signor Benito Mussolini, respectively heads of the Government of Germany and Italy? Is this initiative effort to avoid war being exerted in vain? There is one certainty, however, which must be recognized reverently and that is: One man of all the peoples on earth stands up speaking well the inner voice of mankind which vibrates in every human heart only feebly at times, but irresistibly strongly in quiet hours with God. It seems to me both necessary and desirable that his message should be translated, printed, circulated free, read alone, considered together, and recited everywhere.

I am merely an ordinary Chinese citizen who was in no fitting position to exert any international influence in order that even this war now waged against my home and my country might have been avoided. Nevertheless may I not, on behalf of all the Chinese like myself, express through your esteemed journal the hearty gratitude and humble appreciation for what President Franklin D. Roosevelt has said and done so far?

A Quaker.

Shanghai, Apr. 18.

A Problem:

Another Solution

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—Provided Dopey will concede that the conversation between John and his sister Mary took place in 1938; and provided also that Dopey will allow that John's mother was past child-bearing when she was 57 years of age, then Mary was born on a Saturday.

This solution is arrived at as follows:—

The crux of the problem is that John spoke to his "elder" sister Mary, not his "older" sister, i.e. that Mary though younger than himself was the elder of two younger sisters.

Now as John was born between November 18 and 24, the earliest date on which his age in days exceeded his age in months by an even number was in March when he was 4 months or 120 days old.

Therefore, ten times the number of his present summers was his age in months four years or 48 months ago.

Let x be John's age in months, and we get

$\frac{10x}{12} = x - 48$. $\therefore x = 288$ months.

That is John is 24 years old exactly.

But as John's conversation took place on his sister Mary's birthday and he is exactly 24 years old, her birthday and his are on the same day.

Now, granted the conversation took place in 1938, then John was born on the Sunday before Thanksgiving in 1914, that is on November 22 that year. Mary therefore was born on November 22 1930 which was a Saturday.

But, besides John's age at 120 days being more than his age in months by an even number so also is an even number arrived at when he is 5 months old, (and also when he is 8 months old.)

Using the same method, the former of these dates would give John's age as 30, and the date of Mary's birth also a Saturday. Taking the 8 month figure as a basis gives John's age as 48, and implies that he must have been at least 41 years old when Mary's younger sister was born; which in turn means that if John's mother was but 16 when she bore him, she must have been at least 57 years of age at the birth of her youngest child.

If therefore Dopey allows that this is at least improbable, Mary must have been born on a Saturday.

Happy.

Shanghai, Apr. 18.

Traffic Regulations:

Parking in Hankow Road

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—It would be interesting to know the identity of the two members of the foreign defence forces who for some weeks have been permitted by the Municipal Police to park their cars Nos. S.D.F. 482 and 485, for many hours at a stretch, and with the right side to the curb, outside a Chinese hotel in Hankow Road near Yu Ya Ching Road.

Quite apart from the traffic congestion caused by this parking, the public will naturally be intrigued to know the business of officers of the foreign defence forces in Chinese hotels at all hours of the day and night.

In any event, Defence Force cars should not be permitted to park for hours on end in a busy one-way street, and if same were attempted by myself, for even five minutes, I should be hauled before the British Court and probably fined 10/—.

Ratepayer.

Shanghai, Apr. 18.

Dentistry:

Is there a School in Shanghai?

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—I would be very much obliged if some of your readers would kindly enlighten me on the following points:—

1. Is there any dental school in Shanghai for foreigners?
2. Can the dental diploma be obtained in China by passing special examination without joining a dental school? The writer is now passing the course of dentistry with one of the local dentists.
3. Can the dental technicist undertake work in the mouth of patient (fixing crowns and bridges)?
4. What sort of a permission is required for the opening of a dental laboratory?

All answers to the above mentioned questions will be greatly appreciated by

Beginner.

Shanghai, Apr. 17.

The Volunteers:

Red Cross Unit Wanted

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—The present days of strife and turmoil make us all volunteer-conscious, but although many of us would like to do our bit towards swelling the volunteer forces, we are often held in check by handicaps such as age, ability and health. In scanning the volunteering available, I find that the Red Cross or R.A.M.C. is not listed, and as one who served in the Great War in the latter regiment, I would be glad to know if a medical unit is in existence, or if one could be inaugurated, when the writer would be happy in "joining up."

Would-be-Volunteer.

Shanghai, April 18.

King's Tour:

Has Wales been Overlooked?

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—With reference to Miss Olive Dun's description in the Woman's Page of the cuisine prepared for their Majesties in Canada published in your paper of Monday, why should the Welsh be overlooked? If Scotch woodcock can be brought over by flying boat why should not Welsh Rabbits?

Welshman.

Shanghai, Apr. 17.

Seventy Years Ago

From the "North-China Daily News" of April 19, 1869

We notice that the meeting to discuss the allotment of pews in the new Church, is called for the 27th instant, the day before the Races. Race week has come to be looked on as almost a general holiday, of late, when a majority of the community take the opportunity to go away somewhere for a trip; so, as it is very desirable that this meeting should be well attended, we would suggest that the date be either anticipated or postponed a few days. The plans suggested are, we believe, first to put the seats up to auction at the upset price of Tls. 8 second, to ballot for them at that fixed price; third, to divide the seats into thress classes to be charged Tls. 20., Tls. 18 and Tls. 15 each, and to follow either the first or second plan in allotting them, fourth, to make the seats free and trust to voluntary contributions; and lastly to leave the allotment to a committee.

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-WHICH MAY COMPLETELY RUIN OUR FAMOUS INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL

BY SAPAJOU

Let's Not Discuss Politics

Holland Determined To Be Neutral

Surprise Expressed at German Dissatisfaction

The Hague, Apr. 17.

Quarters closely-connected with the Government are very much surprised at German dissatisfaction over the protective measures taken in Holland recently.

These circles stressed that Holland is determined to defend her independence and her strict neutrality under all circumstances and emphasized that the measures taken along the borders included the frontier with Belgium and not only with Germany.

"If Holland is not attacked, she will remain neutral and passive as in 1914," they said. "If she is attacked by the Reich, she will resist with all her power. If she is attacked by Great Britain, Belgium, or France, she will resist in the same way"

These circles admitted that the Powers are likely to request permission to cross Dutch territory and use Dutch naval bases with objectives far beyond Holland itself.

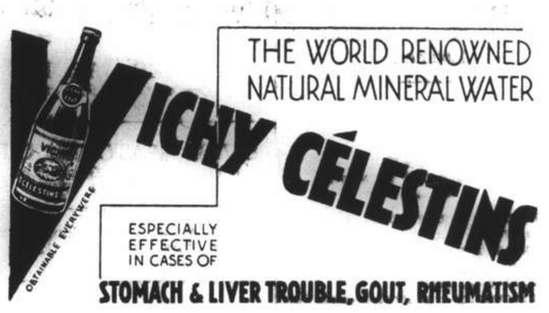
"But whatever the intentions and reasons given," they added, "Holland is determined to defend her integrity and her territory."

Holland had given evidence of her faithfulness to the policy of neutrality when she rejected all German advances and refrained from undertaking any commitments towards Britain, France or Belgium.—Havas.

Gen. Zander to Head Reich Aviation Club

Berlin, Apr. 17.

Field-Marshal Hermann Goering has appointed Flight General Zander as president of the German Aero Club in succession to the famous aviator, Lt.-Col. von Gronau, who occupied the post for many years. Col. von Gronau is leaving for Tokyo in the near future to take up duty as Air Attaché at the German Embassy.—Trans-Ocean.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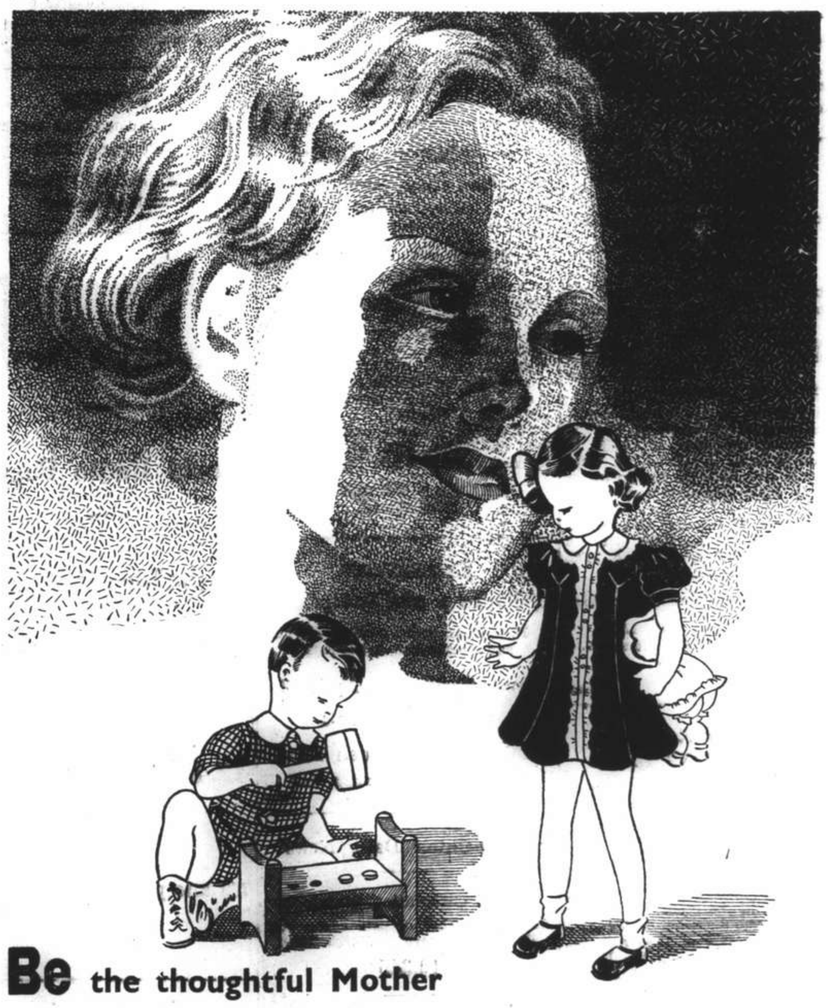
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4.00 News
4.15 "Food for Thought" topical talk
4.45 Sports news and markets
7.50 "At the Black Dog," play
8.00 "Empire Exchange," points of view
11.00 "History of the Jews," talk
12.00 News

PARIS

7.00 .. .. 19.68 .. .. 15.24

ROME

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11.00 .. .. 31.49 .. .. 9.52

CHUNGKING

5.30 .. .. 31.49 .. .. 9.52

Death Toll in U.S. Tornadoes Now 43

New York, Apr. 17.

At least 43 persons have been killed, and 170 injured, by tornadoes which have swept across five southern states. Thousands of acres of Ohio lowlands are submerged. Relief organizations are bringing help to the stricken area.—Reuter.

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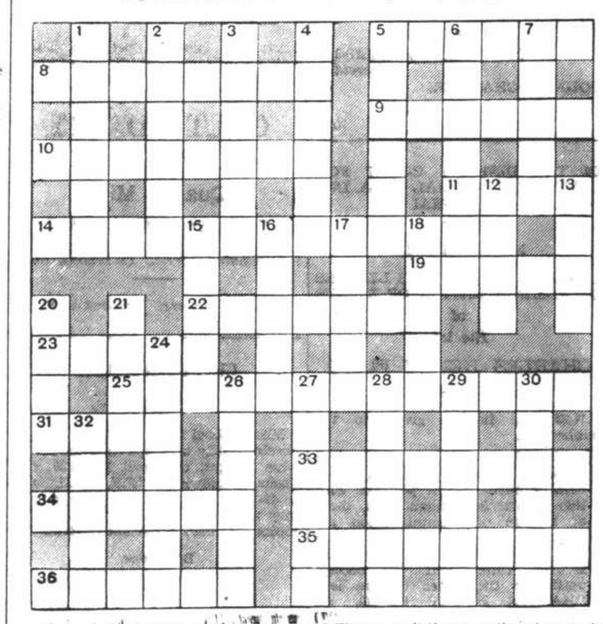


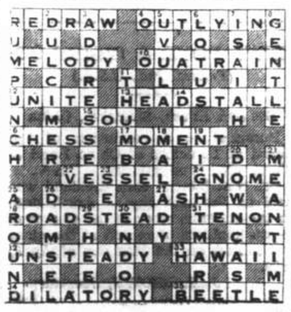
ACROSS

5 A chessman
8 Of course it's a trunk call to this American springs
9 Looking at it one can't believe one's eyes
10 This is fastened to windows, not to dressing gowns
11 Word revolution is towards this
14 Any true fact is changed to make a lowering feature in the theatre (two words)
19 This arises, of course, when the fire brigade gets to work
22 Simian in part, but made by soldiers
23 A fair vision has our heart
25 No account is given of payment in this work (two wards)
31 Pine
33 A performer of noted works
34 Stone like a kind of fish net
35 Telling one of the family
36 Some food

DOWN

1 Two articles in degree good to eat
2 A golf club
3 There are little more than two spots in this settlement
4 Vehicle used on its start
5 In the start of this affray bared teeth are prominent
6 The sea provides the start of the glut
7 African port
12 Once again
13 This may be called punctually, but it may have been second out before-hand
15 Conversation lags without it
16 Followers of this cannot go straight
17 Sheets to the sailor often
18 Flower
20 Captain Cook, in a manner of speaking
21 Nothing in this would make a squeaker
24 Train partly of metal
26 One can't expect silence from a baby car—surely it is entitled to this
27 To a 33 across it means quality
28 With facility
29 Those people are cruel who this a house and leave the middle there
30 Material for an artist
32 Fish

SOLUTION OF LONDON CROSS WORD No. 1789



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Japanese Balance Sheet

Diversion of Opinion Over Their Economic Success in North China; Army's Gains

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Peiping, Apr. 11.

THERE is a considerable diversion of opinion among foreign observers as to the degree of success that the Japanese have met with in their plans for the development or exploitation of North China. Some deny that they have met with any success at all; others contend that they have been remarkably successful. Actually, it is very difficult to give an exact and definite opinion on this question, because firstly so many different factors have to be taken into consideration and secondly conditions vary entirely in different parts of the country.

Reviewing the position, admittedly very summarily and roughly, I think it must be admitted that, as regards exploitation, pure and simple, the Japanese have very considerable gains to register. (By exploitation I mean the direct confiscation of former Chinese property, the employment of forced labour, the setting up of monopolies and taxation in one form or another). Whereas, in the way of constructive development, i.e. the creation of fresh sources of wealth and industry, they have not been so successful.

Their greatest success in the way of exploitation has undoubtedly been in forcing the worthless currency of the Federal Reserve Bank on the population of north China. It has no backing whatever and is nothing more than the issue by the Japanese Army of war notes, of which they can print just as many as they require. It is in fact a definite war levy on the Chinese population, by means of which the conquerors obtain the free service of Chinese labour and goods, without having to supply anything in exchange except a lot of worthless paper.

The next item of value are the coal mines of North China, which the Japanese have quite simply confiscated. Of these, at present only those at Tatung in northern Shansi are producing in any large quantity—this, however, is much in excess of former production. The coal is brought down by the Peking-Suiyuan railway to Tientsin for direct shipment to Japan. The other coal mines in Shansi are for the moment not able to ship away most of what they produce, partly owing to the great shortage of freight cars and partly to the disturbed state of the railway lines in those parts.

Nominal Salt Prices

Then there is salt from the salt-pans at Tongku (the so-called Changlu salt district) and now from Haichow which has recently been occupied by Japanese forces. The greater part of this salt is being shipped to Japan at practically nominal prices, whereas formerly, when the salt fields belonged to China, Japan had to make very heavy payment in exchange for the salt she took.

A certain amount of iron is being obtained from the Lungyen mines near Suanhuafu, on the Peiping-Kalgan Railway. Some of the ore is being shipped direct to Japan, but a large part of it is being smelted at the Lungyen Iron Works, lying west of Peiping. These works built in the early twenties, but never started, were taken over by the Japanese Army and at once put in working order.

Wool, hides and other products of Mongolia, on which the Japanese have proclaimed a monopoly, can also be counted as a direct gain. For the sellers are forced to dispose of their products at prices fixed by the Japanese, which are well below the ordinary market prices. The greater part of these products from Mongolia are purchased by the Army direct, for their own requirements.

Then there are the railways of north China which have been taken over and run by the S.M.R. This, however, scarcely constitutes a pure gain, for the smple reason that all fares and freights are paid for in Federal Reserve Bank notes. Nevertheless they give employment to an enormous number of Japanese, many of whom have displaced the former Chinese employees.

North China Cotton

There remains the question of cotton, which deserves a paragraph to itself. Long before the outbreak of the "Incident," the cotton crop of north China was one of the great attractions that the military party in Japan used to dangle before the eyes of the Osaka cotton interests. If only special economic rights in north China (that was all that was mentioned in those days) were granted to Japan, then Osaka would be able to get as much cheap cotton from there as it wanted; in fact in a year or two they would be independent of the U.S.A. and India for their supplies of raw cotton.

This pleasant dream, like so many other theories of Japanese military economists, has failed to materialize. To grow cotton, like everything else, you require a certain amount of peace and order. But ever since July 1937 there has been continual fighting and disorder in the cotton-growing districts of Hopei. Moreover, to make sure of getting hold of the cotton crop at the low prices they need, the Japanese must control the country completely. They do not hold it at all. Even now, after more than six months of the so-called mopping-up operations, they only hold a few of the larger towns. If they want to get supplies of raw cotton, Japanese merchants still have to buy through Chinese brokers in Tientsin, and even then the quantity has been disappointingly small.

One of the reasons for this has been that, in the course of its campaigning, the Japanese Army has gone into the cotton business, seizing all stocks of cotton found up-country, shipping it direct to Japan, and selling it there at the ordinary market rates for its own benefit. As a result, not only is Osaka not getting cheap cotton from north China, but even the Japanese cotton mills in Tientsin have had to buy their supplies from India. Cotton can, therefore, certainly not be included in the list of Japanese economic successes.

In recent months imports of manufactured goods from Japan into north China have shown a very considerable increase (if perhaps not always in the Customs figures). Nevertheless, they do not yet appear to have attained the volume that they had before the war started. This too, cannot be accounted as any marked gain.

Constructive Side

When we examine into the constructive side, the profit is not so apparent. There have been only a few improvements in communications. (This comparison, I should perhaps add, is made with conditions prior to July 1937, and not with the chaotic conditions caused by the outbreak of hostilities, over which latter there is a distinct improvement). A Railway has been built from Peiping via Kupeikow to Jehol. It is, however, chiefly of military importance, and has little commercial value. Moreover it runs through territory which was already in the hands of the Japanese Army before the "Incident," so is not really a war gain. Several new motor roads have been built, but as they are in most cases merely the ordinary dirt roads which fall rapidly into disrepair, it cannot be said that there has been any marked improvement in the facilities for motor transport.

A number of factories have been erected in the vicinity of Tientsin, but for one reason or another the majority of them are still not functioning. Up-country, in places like Taiyuan, Kalgan and Kaifeng, the Japanese Army has started all kinds of local industries and manufactures; but these concerns are conducted strictly for Army account, and do not add to the wealth of the Chinese or Japanese people.

Looking round with the greatest care, it is impossible to discover any real signs of growing industries in North China. The talk of industrial development remains so far a pious hope, and the numerous companies which have been formed, ostensibly for that purpose, exist mostly on paper only.

Japanese Population Much Larger

The Japanese civilian population in Tientsin and Peiping has increased enormously. In the latter city there must be close on 50,000 of them, while the other large towns in north China, which are safely established under Japanese control with large military garrisons, have also their corresponding quota of immigrants. A large proportion of these Japanese are employed in the railways, telegraphs, telephones, motor transport and other administrative services that have been taken over from the Chinese, or are clerks in the innumerable "development companies."

In considering constructive work, there remains the question of how far the Japanese have succeeded in winning the good-will and co-operation of the population in the conquered territory. In this regard they cannot be said to have been very successful. In the first place, it has to be noted that they actually only hold a comparatively small part of the country, namely the railway lines and those towns where they can keep a garrison that can be supplied without difficulty. The rest of the country remains entirely hostile. During the last six months the Japanese army has been conducting a persistent and continuous campaign against the guerillas in the provinces of Hopei and Shansi. Though they have succeeded in temporarily clearing out the guerillas from the central plains, the latter still hold the vast mountain regions and at the slightest sign of the Japanese relaxing their hold, swarm back and occupy the country as before.

Passive Acquiescence

It is true that in the large cities the population is completely cowed and is becoming resigned to its fate, and rather than starve or come into direct conflict with the Japanese is ready to co-operate with them in many directions. But even this attitude is little more than one of passive acquiescence and cannot be regarded as active liking or desire for Japanese tutelage. In how far the Japanese will be able to carry through their economic and industrial schemes for north China, with a population in such a frame of mind, is hard to say. The next few months will probably give some further indication. Nevertheless, the example of what they have accomplished in Manchoukuo in spite of an originally hostile and unwilling population, cannot be entirely ignored.

The exploitation of north China would certainly seem to dispose of that favourite contention of the Pacifists that war does not pay. The Japanese Army is certainly making its war pay or, at least, is making it return immediate dividends. For an outsider it is impossible to estimate to what extent these immediate profits will cover the cost of the military occupation. While the broad question of whether Japan might not have obtained as great, or even greater, economic advantages in North China, without her huge expenditure of blood and treasure, only the historian of the future will be able to answer satisfactorily.

Kiangsu Town Bombed By Japanese

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Taichow, Apr. 9.

It is reliably reported that several days ago seven or eight bombs were dropped on Tungtai, a city, about 40 miles north of Taichow. Fifteen persons were killed, 20 seriously wounded and 30 or more slightly injured in this attack. Yencheng and Fowning further north of Tungtai were also bombed but no reports of the casualties have been received here.

An action at Machiao near Hsiennumiao took place about April 1. The fighting does not seem to have been particularly decisive, but cannon fire was heard very distinctly in Taichow.

Although surrounded by armies and battles Taichow continues calm and peaceful. Work in the Sarah Walkup Hospital has assumed almost alarming proportions—alarming because the number of patients are more than the hospital with its present bed space is able to accommodate. Every bed is full, the guest rooms are occupied by patients and still those who are seriously ill are having to be turned away. If the hopsital could secure more beds it would be possible to enlarge its capacity.

Activity at the Foreign Office

Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, and Sir Alexander Cadogan, Permanent Under-Secretary of the Foreign Office and known in Shanghai for his term of office as British Ambassador to China, on their way to Downing Street to confer with the Prime Minister.

London Letter

News and Notes from Home

Public Opinion Against Conscription; Instead Favours Compulsory Registration

BY O. M. GREEN

(Editor "North-China Daily News," 1911-1930)

London, March 25.

ONE learns privately that the pressure within the Conservative party for conscription as the best answer to Hitlerian aggression is very strong. Equally strong is the resistance of the Socialists, always afraid that the Army would be used as strike-breakers. Nor are the Conservatives agreed.

Sir Auckland Geddes, Minister of National Service in 1917-19 and now assistant to Sir John Anderson, spoke strongly against it at Gloucester the night before last, saying that from personal experience in the war he had no hesitation in saying that the British Army unit by unit was less valuable after conscription than before it. He added that there was no need of conscription as volunteers for all three forces were coming forward in numbers as big as could be dealt with.

The more general feeling is that national registration should be made compulsory. It is no use saying that the Government's appeal last December for voluntary registration has been well answered. It has not. Thousands have replied where millions are wanted. And it is evident to all that the list of exemptions was far too widely drawn.

One notices today that Herr Hitler has taken a leaf out of the former Chinese warlords' book by making the Germans pay their taxes in advance, in return for which they will be given bonds, which may be handed to the taxation and Customs offices as payment at face value of taxes falling due six months after the bonds have been issued. But those who hold their bonds for ten months or longer will be granted a reduction in the taxes due.

This, however, is not all. Inheritances, donations and other windfalls are to be taxed more highly; and all profits above what were made in 1938 pay 4d. in the shilling. Germany's floating debt has increased from about £200 millions to £500 millions in the past year and it is officially admitted that revenue is not enough for the the Reich's necessaries and it is "not considered proper" (might not "feasible" be a better word?) to issue more loans.

Altogether the path of power politics is rough for the private citizen. It seems strange to many people that our rulers should be so hesitant in telling Herr Hitler that his aggressiveness will not be allowed, when there are so many reasons for believing that he cannot risk going to war.

President and Mme Lebrun's Visit

The French visit was an unqualified success. Never have more glittering shows been staged in London—which is perhaps the wrong phrase—for at the entertainment at Covent Garden and the India Office the wonderful dresses and jewels of the audience stole most of the show from the stage. The most thrilling moment was perhaps in Westminster Hall when President Lebrun suddenly branched out from his prepared speech, and without notes delivered a speech on England and France so beautifully phrased, so perfectly enunciated and so deep in feeling that one M.P. who heard it tells me it will never be forgotten at Westminster.

One part of the visit is worth mention, namely the reception of president and Mme Lebrun by the London County Council. The Guildhall is almost bored, so to speak, with receiving foreign potentates. County Hall has never done it before and in this its 50th year it was right that it should. The reception was short and simple, no glittering uniforms, and Mrs. Lowe, the chairman, in a simple blue dress, with the ribbon of the Legion of Honour just conferred on her by the President; but it went well.

This week the L.C.C. have been entertaining some of their opposite numbers from Paris, who were much impressed by all they saw, particularly with our parks, the magnificence of the Council's schools and its model housing estates at Morden and elsewhere. I do not think the visitors were shown the other estates of the pseudo-Tudorian speculative builder, or they might have been less well impressed.

Among the ceaseless changes which have altered the whole face of London in the past decade and still restlessly continue, it is now seriously feared that Greenwich Observatory will have to move from its austere and meditative retreat on the hill in Greenwich park. Strangely enough it is not the fogs of London, as some might suppose, but its brilliance which is giving trouble.

In a lecture this week Dr. Spencer Jones, the Astronomer Royal—could there, by the way, be more splendid and dignified title?—said that owing to London's growth and the new methods of lighting, the sky is so bright that several sorts of work, and particularly long exposures in photography, are becoming impossible.

Seeing that the Royal Observatory has been at Greenwich since 1676 the thought of its moving elsewhere is tragic. Far better move London. There is also the problem of where it should go. There are some respectable heights in England safe enough from the contamination of towns. But the astronomers do not fancy them because of their cloudiness. We are promised, however, that wherever Greenwich goes, Greenwich mean time will remain unaltered; and the Astronomer Royal spoke of a clock, now nearly completed, which will be accurate to one-thousandth of a second per day, and with which it is hoped to correct the erratic movements of the earth. If it could only correct the movements of the people of the earth.

Mars Soon to be "Near"

Astronomy will be "news" before long, for the planet Mars is approaching one of its periods of nearness to the earth when it is a mere 35,000,000 miles away from us. But this extra distance from the sun makes amazing differences to Mars. For example, the density of its atmosphere at ground level has been proved—I haven't the faintest idea how—to be only half the density of our atmosphere at the top of Mount Everest. So that if there are living Martians, and if they tried to invade us *à la* H. G. Wells, they would be suffocated by the density of our air. If they escaped that, they would probably die of heat, as at its very highest the thermometer in Mars can hardly rise above 50 degrees and sinks to levels unknown by us. If the 200-inch telescope in America is working when Mars approaches its nearest point, it should show us some wonderful sights.

And in connection with the stars, one sees that the astrologers of Great Britain are about to meet for a three-day conference at Harrogate. More fortunate than most people they need not speculate as to whether the days selected will be auspicious for their meeting; the stars have already told them that, as also (and this is comforting for the world at large) that no really serious disturbances need be feared. Having recently been in Harrogate I can at least congratulate the astrologers on having chosen a singularly beautiful and well-placed city in which to meet.

It is interesting to find that there are still enough adepts in astrology to hold a conference. Lecky remarks on the inexplicable disappearance of the belief in witchcraft (though it is still alive enough in some country places) and one thought it was the same with astrology. I believe the modern astrologers teach that their science is valuable, to enable us to correct our faults.

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Yards Engaged on Warships And not Merchant Marine

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Glasgow, Mar. 24.

The shipbuilding yards, specially the ones engaged in constructing war vessels are working at high pressure. This is as it ought to be for there is a strong feeling abroad to day that Germany cannot be permitted to continue on her present course in Europe. Either Herr Hitler has got to stop of his own accord and there are serious doubts as to whether or not he can do that, or steps have got to be devised to do it for him.

The whole Scottish nation has been shocked to a degree by the course of events in Europe these last few days Naturally business is being adversely affected. People are not anxious to be spending money and there is a tendency to hold back because there is no certainty as to what may eventuate. If it does come to an armed struggle Scotland to a man almost will be behind the Government. Meanwhile as stated the shipyards are busy, exceptionally so, those of them engaged in fulfilling orders for the navy.

It is at the same time pathetic to realize that the yards which ought to be occupied in constructing merchant vessels are practically at a standstill. This ought not to be but it is a reflection on the times in which we are living. Unemployment is bad, perhaps not as bad as it was a few years ago when the country experienced so much awful depression but still for the present time the number of unemployed is more than there should be and the tragedy of the day is the fact that time, attention and money which ought to be devoted to solving this pressing and urgent problem have to be given to making the nation secure from aggressions from a possible outside quarter. Meanwhile four fine naval orders have just been given by the Admiralty to the Clyde.

Chinese Lady Speaker

Representatives from the Madras Conference were in the city over the week-end. One of the chief speakers was Miss Pao-Sen Tseng, Principal of I-fang Girls School at Changsha. Miss Tseng was the first Chinese lady ever to take her B.Sc. degree at the London University and as can be imagined she was an excellent speaker in English. On the Sunday morning at Wellington Church of Scotland she occupied the pulpit of this historic church, with the Rev. Dr. Arthur Taylor, the Secretary in Scotland of the China Inland Mission.

The big building was packed to the doors and the congregation was thrilled first by the "dialoguing" of Miss Tseng for the benefit of the children by Dr. Arthur Taylor and then later by the two addresses delivered by Miss Tseng and Dr. Taylor. They both spoke hopefully of China's future despite the invasion by Japan and expressed the opinion that the Chinese would never be subjugated by their invaders.

Nelson Eddy, who edits and prints a newspaper in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Let Freedom Ring," worked in the advertising and editorial departments of three Philadelphia newspapers before deciding on singing as a career.

Hongkong Residents War Fear Worries

Japan May not Attack, Because of America

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Hongkong, Apr. 14.

Fears of a European war which may have an affect on the safety of Hongkong are prevalent among foreign and Chinese residents here, although the former maintain an outward calm.

Air raid precautions have been adopted. The Chinese newspapers publish from time to time the plans of evacuation of residents from Victoria to New Territory across the harbour. Wealthy Chinese refugees shudder over the possibility of air-raids in view of their experience in Canton and other cities in the interior.

Even if Great Britain were involved in a war with Germany or Italy, observers here are inclined to doubt whether Japan will join the Axis Powers and whether she would launch an attack on Hongkong in view of her commitments in China. One observer recalled that Mr. K. K. Kawakami, the seasoned Japanese correspondent of the Tokyo "Nichinichi," warned from Washington last September that should Japan attack Hongkong, such an act would almost immediately draw in the United States.

Mr. Kawakami, who is now in Japan, repeated this warning in one of his articles for the "Nichinichi." He said that the United States would not fight Japan over China but would do so in the event of a world war when Japan attempts to seize Hongkong. The Tokyo paper quoted the Hirota-Hull declaration of 1936 as saying that "there exists no problem between Japan and the United States that cannot be solved through diplomatic channels."

For this reason Hongkong may not be in such a dangerous position as many pessimists believe.

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Louis Knocks Out Roper in Less Than Three Minutes

Another First Round Execution by Brown Bomber; Champion Inconvenienced by Hurt Fingernail

Los Angeles, Apr. 17.

JOE Louis, husky negro world heavyweight champion, took exactly two minutes and twenty seconds to prove the deadly power of his terrible blows when he knocked out Jack Roper, veteran fighter, in the first round of a title bout planned for ten rounds at Wrigley Field tonight. A howling crowd of 35,000 spectators saw the Brown Bomber retain his title in practically the same manner as in bouts against Max Schmeling and John Henry Lewis.

He unleashed a flurry of lefts to the jaw to send Roper reeling to the ropes and as his 35-year-old foe stumbled in his own corner, Louis whipped over his murderous right and Roper fell face flat on the canvas and remained unconscious while the referee tolled the count.

They met in the middle of the ring and sparred cautiously. The veteran challenger landed with a light left to the Brown Bomber's jaw.

The success of his initial attack encouraged Roper and he waded in and hit Louis with another left to the jaw. The blow caused Louis to open up. He lashed out with a right to the jaw. He followed up with another right to the same point and Roper staggered. The crowd yelled excitedly as Louis landed two successive blows to the head.

Roper's Knees Buckle

Roper's knees started to buckle. His eyes showed fear, but he tried to fight. Louis, however, had fired his heavy artillery and was not to be denied. He charged after his man and his vicious lefts and rights opened a nasty gash over Roper's left eye.

With blood streaming from the cut, Roper backed away to the ropes. The Brown Bomber shuffled in and loosed a barrage of thudding lefts. Roper tried to break away but the champion bottled him up in his own corner.

Roper made a desperate attempt to rally, but Louis swung a furious right that crashed solidly on Roper's jaw and the veteran boxer fell into the ropes. He tried to grasp the ropes and hold on momentarily, but he collapsed and fell face flat in his own corner.

Easy for Louis

Louis walked away calmly. He seemed confident that his foe would never rise. He was not even breathing hard and there was no perspiration on his smooth, husky body.

After the fight, Louis called in manicurists and had a broken thumb nail filed down. The broken nail represented the only inconvenience which he had suffered.

Although Louis required only two minutes and twenty seconds for his execution, the crowd of 35,000 was pleased. The spectators paid to see Louis win in the first round and to see that he was not slipping; the Brown Bomber did what was expected of him.

He was cool, confident and determined and once he started his attack, the spectators new that Roper did not have the slightest chance in the world. Louis enacted the role of a merciless executioner without showing a trace of emotion. He was a fighting machine and Roper became another first round victim of the champion's dreaded blows.

Earned U.S.$45,000

In knocking Roper out, Louis earned about U.S.$45,000, representing about U.S.$20,000 a minute compared with the U.S.$200,000 that he earned a minute against Schmeling.

Roper, still slightly groggy after the fight, told the United Press that he tried to rise but his knees were paralyzed.

"I was conscious," he said, "when I went down, but my legs seemed paralyzed. After I hit the floor I tried to get up but my muscles would not work.

"It took a champion to knock me out for the first time since I started fighting in 1923.

"I have lost fights by technical knockouts but never on the floor.

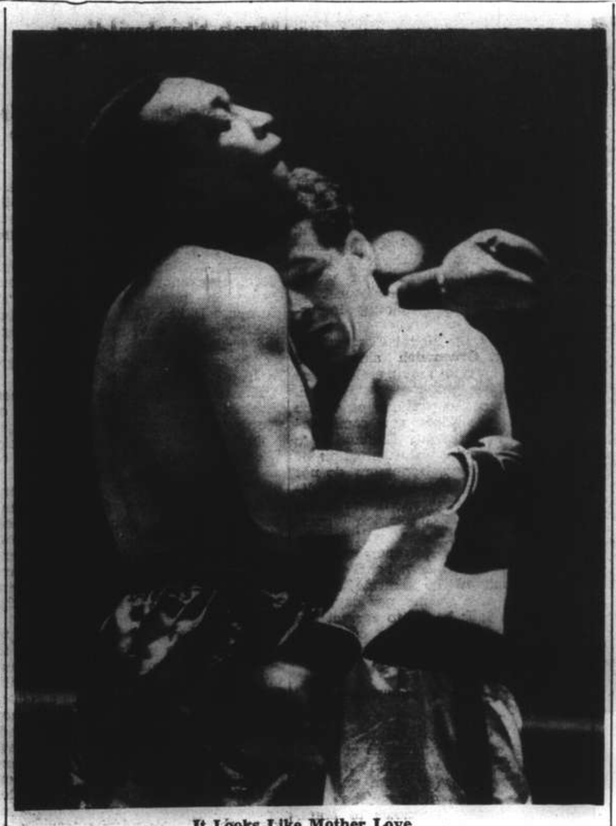
"Anyway, I landed one left hook to his eye which I know he felt because I could feel his blows after that," Roper said, indicating that it was this blow which enraged the Bomber.

Louis praised his rival after the battle. "Roper is as game as they come," he told the United Press. He said that he wasted about twenty seconds before sending out a left jab to test his man.

His Best Punch

He admitted that Roper landed with a left hook flush on his jaw, saying that the left hook probably is the best punch in Roper's repertoire.

Louis entered the ring as 10-to-1 favourite to knock Roper out. Roper, a veteran fighter, was considered as mere chopping block for the world champion, having only recently made the headlines after knocking out Bob Nestell, youthful heavyweight, in the initial frame. Although he has fought several good heavyweights in the last few years, Roper has never been a "ranked" boxer.—United Press.



It Looks Like Mother Love

Before Len Harvey steeled himself to knock out Larry Gains of Canada, to win the vacant British empire heavyweight title at Harringay Arena, London, on March 16, the boxers indulged in some waltzing which was captured by the camera in this unusual picture. Gains, the Negro, seems quite overcome by emotion. This was the third of three successive fights in which Harvey won in turn the British light heavyweight title, the British heavyweight title and the British Empire heavy title. Now he is to fight John Henry Lewis.

Lillibullero Wins Great Metropolitan Stakes

London, Apr. 18.

The Great Metropolitan Stakes, run today at Epsom over a distance of two miles and two furlongs, was won by Lillibullero. Foxchase finished second, while Holnechase was third. Lillibullero won by three lengths, while 1½ length separated second and third. The odds were; 100-6 Lillibullero, 100-7 Foxchase, and 100-6 Holnechase. Thirteen ran. —Reuter.

Fewkes Challenge Cup Draw Announced

Golf Tournament to Be Played on Sunday

On the Race Course on Sunday 34 local golfers will compete for the Fewkes Challenge Cup, presented by G. H. S. Fewkes, over 36 holes of handicap stroke play. Players with handicaps over eighteen will compete on eighteen. Following is the draw.

a.m.	p.m.	
8.00	1.32	MacDonald W. A., Smith S. C.
8.12	1.36	Forbes, Ewing
8.36	1.40	Davison, White
8.48	1.44	Aplin, Middleton
8.48	1.48	Chevchook, Worley
8.52	1.52	Brisk S. C., Higuchi
9.00	1.56	Godkin, Hartley
9.04	2.00	Stickels, Evans
9.12	2.04	Case, Spiegler B.
9.16	2.08	Chisholm, Stubbings
9.24	2.12	Snow, Meschersky
9.28	2.16	Simpson, Swan
9.36	2.20	Palmer W. A., Collins
9.40	2.24	Brisk H. H., Sluis
9.44	2.28	Kliene, Marcal
9.48	2.32	Sandor, Young
9.52	2.36	Ozorio, Hines

Local Volleyball

Two matches in the Second Division and one in the women's league marked last night's play in the Invitation Volleyball League at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. Displaying fine form Hazelwood took the measure of St. John's Middle School by 15-4 and 15-3 to gain a fourth consecutive victory and keep abreast with the Second Battalion U.S. Marines for leadership in Section II.

Hazelwood:—Larin, Austria, Savitsky, Rozario, I. Ivanoff, G. Ivanoff.

St. John's:—D. C. Chen, D. D. Seu, H. C. Ting, C. C. Chen, C. K. Kao, C. S. Chang, W. M. Dah.

Betar:—Karim, Gabriel, Karapoff, Furman, Husser, Ulmansky, Gaberman.

Lo Kwang:—K. C. Yang, B. T. Chu, D. Y. Lee, B. T. Lee, C. T. Chang, W. K. Wang.

The contest between Green, White and Red and Square Hearts was close and interesting as it took three sets to decide the issue which finished in favour of the tri-colours.

The teams were:—

Green, Whites & Red:—Misses Y. Chang, L. N. Dien, Y. C. Yang, A. C. Chao, S. Chang, H. C. Hu, H. H. Shih.

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Shanghai Wheelers Cycle Meeting on Sunday

Fifteen-Race Programme To Be Run Off

The Shanghai Wheelers have put in a lot of work in arranging an extensive programme for their Third Annual and Final Cycle Meeting for the Brampton and Torpedo Trophies, scheduled to be held this Sunday morning at Kiaochow Park, beginning at 8.45 a.m.

Fifteen varied races will comprise the list of events of which six will be the finals, the rest being various heats. The Zee Memorial Trophy Race, to be run in tribute to the late Mr. Zee, a well-known cyclist, who died while saving a life in the Whangpoo more than a year ago, attracted no less than fifteen riders. The first three in each heat will qualify for the final.

An added attraction on this Sunday morning will be the two cycle events over one mile for Chinese policemen and Sikhs. These items were scheduled for the Police Sports, but as they could not be run off on the Shanghai American School track, they were held over for the Shanghai Wheelers Meeting.

The full programme is listed as follows:—

Event No. 1.—Zee Memorial Trophy one mile for Senior Girls.

Heat No. 1, for 9 competitors:—No. 52, No. 50, No. 44, No. 40, No. 54, No. 46, No. 71, No. 39, No. 51.

Heat No. 2, for 9 competitors:—No. 56, No. 42, No. 43, No. 41, No. 55, No. 68, No. 47, No. 45, No. 26.

Heat No. 3, for 8 competitors:—No. 67, No. 69, No. 48, No. 53, No. 13, No. 66, No. 70, No. 49.

First three riders in each heat to qualify for final.

Event No. 2.—Zee Memorial Trophy 1 mile for Senior Boys.

Heat No. 1, for 7 competitors:—No. 93, No. 96, No. 87, No. 89, No. 100, No. 92, No. 88.

Heat No. 2, for 8 competitors:—No. 90, No. 99, No. 95, No. 86, No. 98, No. 97, No. 94, No. 91.

First three riders in each heat to qualify for final.

Event No. 3.—Junior ½ mile Handicap for Boys and Girls under 13 years of age.

Event No. 4.—S.M.P. one mile for C.P.C.

Event No. 5.—Two Heats. Zee Memorial Trophy one mile Final for Senior Girls.

Event No. 6.—S.M.P. one mile for Sikhs.

Event No. 7.—Two Heats Zee Memorial Trophy one mile Final for Senior Boys.

Event No. 8.—One mile Final for C.P.C.

Event No. 9.—One mile Final for Sikhs.

Event No. 10.—Old Timers ½ mile Handicap for Members over 40 years of age.

RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 17.

Following are the results of Rugby League games played today:—

Featherstone 11, Bramley 3
Hull Kingston 19, Keighley 3
Warrington 30, Leigh 0.—Reuter.

Home Soccer Results

London, Apr. 17.

Following are the results of League soccer matches played today:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE, 2ND DIVISION
Fulham 2, Sheffield Wednesday 2
3RD DIVISION (SOUTHERN)
Bristol Rovers 1, Crystal Palace 2
Cardiff City 4, Notts County 1
Clapton Orient 3, Torquay United 0
3RD DIVISION (NORTHERN)
Hull City 2, Southport 1
Oldham Athletic 3, Stockport 1
—Reuter.

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World Contest Won by Shanghai

Free Throw Basketball Competition Ends with Mitchell Field Second

Shanghai succeeded in winning a fourth world-wide basketball free throw competition held under the auspices of the New York Army and Navy Y.M.C.A., according to a report received yesterday. The local representatives tallied no less than 248 points to outclass six other contending teams by a big margin.

Mitchell Field finished second with 199. The third place produced a close fight as Fort Totten beat Norfolk by three points, 166-163.

Twenty-five players represented Shanghai this year. Out of the 75 tries, J. C. Palmer, ace forward of the champion U.S. Marine "Reds" team, accounted for 37 goals to win local premier honours. D. Sargent, star on Palmer's team, tied with R. P. Nelson for second place, each getting 36.

The world-wide individual championship was won by J. Hilton of Norfolk, who garnered 38, thereby defeating Palmer by a single goal. While Sargent and Nelson took third honours G. H. E. Anderson, J. Matujec, and D. R. Dingwall of Shanghai and R. Jacobson of Norfolk came in fifth on a four-way tie, each obtaining 35.

The results follow:—

Teams	Score	No. Competing
1. Shanghai	248	25
2. Mitchell Field	199	150
3. Fort Totten	166	7
4. Norfolk	163	24
5. Fort Wm. McKinley	148	—
6. Fort Hamilton	138	7

The 1st Ten	Score	Team
1. J. Hilton	38	Norfolk
2. J. C. Palmer	37	Shanghai
3. D. Sargent	36	Shanghai
R. P. Nelson	36	Shanghai
5. G. H. E. Anderson	35	Shanghai
J. Matujec	35	Shanghai
D. R. Dingwall	35	Shanghai
R. Jacobson	35	Norfolk
9. M. Semick	34	Shanghai
10. S. Cutcher	31	Mitchell Field

City and Surburban Probables

London, Apr. 18.

The following are the probable starters, with their jockeys, for the City and Surburban, to be run at Epsom, over one mile and two furlongs tomorrow:—

Unbreakable (Pat Beasley); Mormond Hill (Carslake); Bistolfi (Harry Wragg), Agincourt (E. Smith); Rodeo II (Weston); Halcyon Gift (Gardner); Hot Bun II (Colin Richards); Croise Un (Beary); Oven II (——); Pigskin (Clifford Richards); Taran (Gordon Richards); High Rank (Maher); Porte-feuille (Mullins); Esquemeling (Richardson).—Reuter.

John Henry Lewis to Fight Len Harvey

London, Apr. 18.

John Henry Lewis is to sail from New York on Thursday to defend his light-heavyweight boxing championship against Len Harvey, the British champion. The fight will take place in London some time in May.—Reuter.

Call-Over for City And Suburban

London, Apr. 17.

The following is the call-over for the City and Suburban, to be run at Epsom on April 19 over a distance of one and two furlongs:—

9-2 Pigskin, offered. 5-1 taken
13-2 Taran, offered
7-1 Mormond Hill, offered, 15-2 taken
7-1 Halcyon Gift, Unbreakable
10-1 Agincourt
100-9 Bistolfi
100-8 Rodeo, Esquemeling
100-7 High Rank, Oven
100-6, Porte Feuille
25-1, Croiseun, offered.—Reuter.

Finnish Firms to Import Olympic Requisites

Helsinki, Apr. 18.

The Organization Committee for the 12th Olympic Games of 1940 has given legal protection in Finland to the symbolic five Olympic rings used as the trade mark. That means in practice that the import of foreign commodities bearing this mark is only possible with the permission of the Finnish Olympic Organization Committee.

The Committee, however, grants permission for the manufacture and import of such Olympic requisites to Finnish firms only.—Trans-Ocean.

Handball Championship To Begin Soon

The attention of local handballers is being called to the fact that the entry to the fifth annual Shanghai Open Handball Championships will close today at 6 p.m.

Competition is to start next Tuesday, April 25, and all matches will be played on the Foreign "Y" courts. The Championships are to be conducted on the double elimination basis. Each match will be for the best two out of the three sets.

Entry fees are fixed at $1 for singles and $2 a couple for doubles.

2,000 Guineas Favourite Has Shoulder Trouble

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 18.

Signal Light, winner of the Craven Stakes at Newmarket last week, and favourite in the Two Thousand Guineas, which will be run at Newmarket on April 26, is reported to be suffering from shoulder trouble and is undergoing treatment.—Reuter.

Successive Holes in One

Wimborne, Eng., Apr. 17.

An unusual world record, which probably never will be equalled in this century, was established here Saturday when two brothers scored holes-in-one on successive tee shots on the local golf course, it was learned today.

The brothers were E. B. and C. Vaughan.—United Press.

Baseball Season Begins in U.S.

Pittsburgh Beats Reds; Rain Prevents President From Hurling 1st Ball

Cincinnati, Apr. 17.

Rain and a serious injury suffered by Billy Myers, star shortstop of the Cincinnati Reds, marred the opening of the 1939 baseball season which celebrated America's national game attaining the century mark today.

With rain washing out the game between the New York Yankees, world champions, and the Washington Senators at Washington and thus preventing President Roosevelt from hurling the first ball and declaring the season officially opened, the clash between the Pirates and the Reds was the only one played and the Buccaneers emerged winners, 7 runs to 5.

President Roosevelt must now wait until Friday before hurling the delayed "first ball" and carrying out the tradition of the game.

Heavy slugging by the Pirates led to their victory over the vaunted Reds, who are considered by many experts as the team that will finish the season on top of the national league.

Vander Meer Blasted Out

Johnny Vander Meer, the youthful Red hurler who created a world record last year by registering two no-hit no-run games in a week, and Bill Walters were sent to the showers by the hard-hitting Pirates who revealed the form of their early season power of last year when they hugged the top berth in the national circuit.

The injury suffered by Billy Myers marred the only game of the day. The shortstop was hit on the head in the third inning while running to the first base.

Wilbur Brubaker, third baseman, in effort to peg Myers threw a fast ball to August Suhr. The ball, however, struck Myers on the head and he crashed to the ground.

Doctors immediately rushed Myers to the nearest hospital for they believed that he might have suffered concussion of the brain.

The Pirates began to make their power felt early in the game. They knocked Vander Meer's offerings with careless abandon for two runs in the second inning, and the youthful hurler was retired. But the Pirates refused to be buckied by Walters and sent the former Philadelphia pitcher to the showers in the eighth frame when they hung up four runs.

Ten batters came up to wallop the ball for the Pirates in the eighth inning and Walters collapsed under the strain.

Davis to the Rescue

Ray Davis finished off the game on the mound for the Reds without giving away any more runs.

Darrell Blanton and Mace Brown shared the mound duties for the Pirates. Brown relieved Blanton at a crucial moment and paved the way to victory with a brilliant display of crafty hurling that made him one of the outstanding hurlers of last year.

The Pirates cracked out fifteen hits against the ten compiled by the Reds. The Reds made one error while the Pirates chalked up two miscues.

Box score:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh	7	15	2
Cincinnati	5	10	1

Cleveland at St. Louis; Chicago at Detroit; Washington at Philadelphia and Boston at New York.

Games set for tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday in the National League follow:—

Philadelphia at Boston; New York at Brooklyn; St. Louis at Pittsburgh and Cincinnati at Chicago.—United Press.

Call-Over for Derby

London, Apr. 17.

The call-over for the Derby, to be run at Epsom on May 24 over a distance of one mile and four furlongs, is as follows:—

19-2 Fox Cub, offered. 10-1 taken
10-1 Signal Light, offered. 100-9 taken
100-9 Blue Peter, taken and offered
100-6 Dhoti, offered
20-1 Foxbrough, offered, 22-1 taken
40-1 Triguero, offered.—Reuter.

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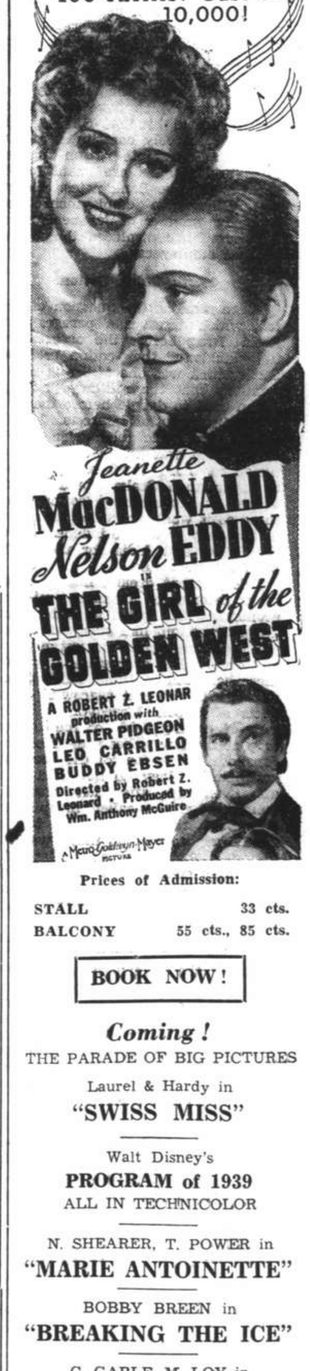

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American and Japanese Nations Unite in Honouring Dead

Imposing Rites Carried Out at Funeral in Tokyo of Late Ambassador, Hirosi Saito

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

MARKED by impressive pomp, as two nations bordering on the Pacific joined in a final tribute, funeral services for the late Mr. Hirosi Saito, former Japanese Ambassador to the United States, were held here this morning. With American and Japanese diplomatic and naval officials, taking a prominent part, the rites were marked by the presence of guards of honour consisting of American and Japanese bluejackets and Japanese soldiers. Guards of honour are seldom provided in Japan for civilian officials below the rank of State Minister.

Prior to the funeral services this morning, the Throne despatched Mr. Shosei Iriye, Court Chamberlain, to the official residence of Mr. Renzo Sawada, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs to place an Imperial gift and monetary present in front of the repository where the late Ambassador's ashes rested. After the departure of the messenger Miss Akiko Saito, chief mourner; Mrs. Tsuroko Saito, mother of the late Ambassador, and Mrs. Miyoko Saito, his widow, and relatives bowed in front of the altar to pay a last homage to the spirit of the late envoy.

Followed by the mourners, a motor hearse carried the ashes from the Sawada residence at 10.10 o'clock.

An American guard of honour comprising twenty officers and 100 men from the U.S.S. Astoria; 200 members of the Yokosuka Marine Corps, commanded by Lt.-Cmdr. Teizo Nagai, a naval band of 30 musicians, and a Japanese military guard of honour with 380 soldiers from the 1st Infantry Regiment of the Imperial Guards Division, commanded by Major Masahiko Matsumoto, lined the street in front of the Kabukiza Theatre in Tsukiji as the funeral cortege passed.

Preceded by an escort of four white police motorcycles, the funeral procession arrived at the Miharabashi bridge at 10.25 o'clock. Marching in the procession were 105 officers and crew of the U.S.S. Astoria in full dress uniform, a Japanese military guard of honour, five Buddhist priests, and Mr. Jiro Takase, secretary of the Foreign Office Information Bureau, who carried the First Order of the Sacred Treasure and other decorations conferred upon the late Ambassador.

Distinguished Cortege

Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, Director of the Foreign Office Information Bureau; Captain Yoshiyuki Ichinomiya; Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, former Ambassador to the Court of St. James'; and Mr. Setsuzo Sawada, former Ambassador to Brazil, marched on the right side of the motor hearse, while Mr. Seijiro Yoshizawa, Director of the American Affairs Bureau of the Foreign Office; Captain R. K. Turner of the Astoria; Dr. Yoshiye Saito; Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, former President of the S.M.R. Co.; Mr. Masaaki Hotta, former Ambassador in Rome, and Mr. Naokichi Kitazawa, First Secretary of the Japanese Embassy in Washington who accompanied the ashes of the late Ambassador aboard the Astoria, marched on the left.

Relatives, friends and members of the family rode in three motor cars which followed the hearse as it wound its way amidst mourning throngs who crowded the streets.

Religious Ceremonial

Extending for more than 200 metres, the procession arrived at Nishihonganji Temple at 11 o'clock. An American naval guard of honour, Japanese military and navy units and a naval band lined the stone steps which led to the main temple. Both sides of the steps were decorated with floral tributes presented by Government and civilian circles.

The Archbishop Dokai Ito opened the service with a requiem, followed by a presentation of arms by the American and Japanese naval guards of honour. An official proxy of the members of the Imperial family burnt incense in front of the altar.

Mr. Joseph Clark Grew, American Ambassador; Mr. Hachiro Arita, Foreign Minister, and Mr. Masaaki Hotta, former Ambassador to Rome, and representative of the late Mr. Saito's former colleagues, delivered funeral addresses.

U.S. Envoy's Oration

In his memorial address, Mr. Joseph Clark Grew, the American Ambassador to Japan, said: "In the name of the President of the United States and the American people, I express to the Japanese nation profound condolences in the death of Mr. Hirosi Saito, late Japanese Ambassador to the United States.

"In all his work in America, he proceeded on the fundamental assumption that there is no irreconcilable divergence in the interests of our two nations and without being in any minutest degree less loyal to his Government or less effective in its service, he laboured wholeheartedly to the end that his country and America, which he had come to love, should remain forever in concord. He intimately understood the country of his residence and felt a common bond of sympathy with his numberless American friends who highly appreciated and warmly reciprocated that friendship.

"Indeed, he knew our country in a sense that very few foreigners have ever come to know it. His frank and open manner, his sincerity, his keen sense of humour which lightened the darkest days and his camaraderie endeared him to all and contributed to the effectiveness of his ambassadorship. As a statesman, a cultured gentleman, and a devoted patriot who served his country well, Hirosi Saito's name will live in the annals of Japanese diplomacy as it will live in the hearts of the American people."

"Deepest Personal Sorrow"

"It is with the deepest personal sorrow that I lay before him the homage of my respectful admiration, my grateful appreciation of his co-operative and constructive work and my grief at his untimely passing."

Following Mr. Grew's address Mr. Arita paid a tribute to Mr. Saito for his great contribution to the promotion of friendly relations between Japan and the United States during his twenty years' service in the United States, first as Chancellor then as Consul-General in New York and as Ambassador in the past five years.

Referring to the vote of sympathy adopted by the American Congress on his death and the courtesy extended by President Roosevelt in having his ashes transported to Japan on the Astoria, Mr. Arita gave credit to the late Ambassador for his posthumous diplomatic achievement "in drawing still closer the friendly bonds between Japan and the United States."

Incense Burnt, Salute Fired

As Miss Akiko Saito, eldest daughter of the late Ambassador, and chief mourner, proceeded to the altar where she saluted the portrait of her father, and burned incense, the Japanese naval band played softly on muted instruments. While the music played, the naval guard commanded by Lieut.-Commander Matsumoto fired a salute which resounded through the precincts of the Temple.

Members of the surviving family in turn burned incense at the altar followed by Mr. Renzo Sawada, chairman of the funeral committee, who proceeded to the altar where he burned incense, marking the end of the funeral service, which concluded at 12.45 o'clock.

At the conclusion of the service, the members of the family, friends, relatives, committee members, and colleagues proceeded to the Tama cemetery, where the late Ambassador's ashes will be interred. A Buddhist vigil ceremony, which began last night at 8 o'clock continued throughout the night in the presence of the widow, her two daughters, and friends and relatives of the late Ambassador's family.

The ashes of the late envoy rested on an altar banked with wreaths presented by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and his wife; Mr. Joseph Clark Grew, American Ambassador; Mr. Hachiro Arita, Foreign Minister, and Japanese civilian and Government leaders. The ashes of the late Ambassador were removed from the late diplomat's private residence at Sendagaya in Shobuya District to the official residence of Mr. Sawada last evening.

Thousands of citizens filed past the bier until 2.30 o'clock.

The ministry funeral was the second this month and also the second since 1910. It has been planned originally by the Foreign Office to accord Mr. Saito the first state funeral since the rites held 29 years ago for Marquis Jitutaro Komura, Foreign Minister and chief delegate to the Portsmouth peace conference in 1905. However, while the Astoria was at sea Dr. Yotaro Sugimura, Ambassador to France, died at the Keio University Hospital in Tokyo. He received the first ministerial funeral since 1910 despite the prior arrangements for Mr. Saito's services. Mr. Saito died after a brief illness at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington on February 26.—Domei.

Japanese Labour Corps To Work in China

Youths to Aid Asiatic Development Schemes

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

Under Government sponsorship, 17,000 Japanese youths will be sent to Manchoukuo and China this summer to render labour service, it was revealed here today. At the same time, they will acquaint themselves with a new environment on the Asiatic continent.

Formation of a Young Men's Labour Service Patriotic League for the Development of Asia was announced here following a meeting of Government and civilian officials yesterday.

Officials of the Education, War, Navy, Finance, Overseas, Forestry and Agriculture Ministries, and representatives of the Cabinet Bureau for Manchurian Affairs, the Asia Development Board, the Cabinet Planning Board, and the Japan Young Men's Association attending, the conference discussed ways and means for the despatch of this large group of youths to the continent this summer.

Plans call for the members of the Labour Service League to leave Japan about the middle of June, to remain there until the middle of September. Most of them will be engaged in collective farming, but those who had special training will be assigned to factories and civil engineering works. —Domei.

When Chancellor Hitler Reviewed His Guard in Prague

Chancellor Hitler is seen reviewing his guard of honour in Prague before proceeding on a triumphal tour through Brunn and Moravia. This picture was taken in front of Hradcany Castle where the Chancellor spent a day resting.

Italian Senator Tells Of Fascist Aims

France Now Blamed for "Negative" Attitude

Rome, Apr. 17.

"Before obtaining the satisfaction of her claims to which she is entitled, Italy refuses to subscribe to any international agreement for the limitation of armaments," Senator Bevione stated here today.

Reading a long declaration on Rome's foreign policy in the Senate debate, he stressed the importance of the Rome-Berlin Axis, "which makes it impossible for any new coalition to encircle the two nations."

He described the Axis as a "defensive system against hostile democracies and Bolshevism."

"Today, the Anti-Comintern Pact includes the formidable powers of Italy, Germany, Japan, Manchoukuo, Hungary and Spain. Relations with Britain can be normal and fruitful now that she has recognized the Italian Empire. As to France: the 1935 Franco-Italian agreements were denounced by Italy on December 17, last year, and important colonial questions as stated by Il Duce, must be solved. They include the Tunis, Djibuti and Suez problems."

He asserted that France's first answer to Italy's initiative towards solution of these questions was in the negative. "The ditch between the two countries will become unbridgeable if such an attitude is maintained," he stated.

He emphasized Italy's desire for peace, but pointed out, too, that her determination to be strong, while appreciated by her friends, was feared by her enemies.—Havas.

London Newspaperman Expelled from Reich

Berlin, Apr. 17.

Mr. H. M. Harrison, chief correspondent in Germany of the "News-Chronicle" of London, was informed by the German authorities today that he must leave the Reich within two weeks.

The decision to expel Mr. Harrison, it was stated, was reached after lengthy negotiations between the Wilhelmstrasse and the British Embassy here, which was especially instructed by the British Foreign Office in this case. The German authorities justified their decision by pointing to several objectionable despatches under a Berlin dateline recently published in the "News-Chronicle."—Havas.

FUNERAL

Master Alexander Utkin

In the presence of a large number of friends, funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Chapel of the International Funeral Directors on Kiaochow Road for the late Alexander Utkin. The Reverend Archimandrite Dionosi of the Russian Orthodox Mission Church conducted the last rites, assisted by the Russian Choir. The deceased died at the General Hospital last Sunday as the result of a fall from his bicycle. He was twelve years of age and is survived by his mother, Mrs. L. W. Utkin, who was the chief mourner. A student of St. Francis Xavier's College, the school was represented by the headmaster, Brother Anthony, and several instructors. On each side of the motor hearse at the Hungjao Road Cemetery walked young schoolmates of the deceased carrying flowers, which were dropped into the grave after the coffin was lowered. The pallbearers were Messrs. V. B. Vasilieff, V. I. Ovsiannikoff, I. V. Golupkoff, P. M. Yankovsky, N. Nosadze and L. I. Balieff. Among those sending flowers were:—

Mother; Ernyst and Lily; V. Frisovsky; E. U. Fadieff and family; Golupkoff family; Schoolmates of St. Francis Xavier's College; Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Hauffe; T. E. Komar; Mr. and Mrs. V. I. Ovsiannikoff; Safulin family; V. E. Shipshalevich and Son; A. N. Speransky; N. P. Solntseff, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Verhovsky; and others.

Fear of Sabotage Acts In Canada Increase

Toronto, Apr. 18.

Fear of sabotage acts in most of the industrial centres in Canada are growing throughout the country. The "Toronto Star" announces that war veterans have decided to guard the electricity plants in Toronto, which are the principal sources of energy in a highly-industrialized region.—Havas.

Kyushu Ready for Air Attack from China

Precautions Taken Have Now Been Relaxed

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

The Japanese army in Kyushu district practised extraordinary air raid precautions last week following reports that the Chinese Government was planning an air attack on Japanese territory, the War Office revealed here.

Japanese aviators, it was said, averted the projected Chinese raid by widespread attacks on Chinese air bases in China, in which the planes which had been assigned to raid Japan were alleged to have been destroyed.

Because of the results reported by Japanese pilots in China, the special precautions in Kyushu district have been terminated, the War Office announcement said.—United Press.

London Gets Powerful Air Raid Alarms

Sirens Can Be Heard Above Din of City Traffic

London, Apr. 18.

Two hundred extraordinarily powerful air raid sirens were being installed throughout London today. The warning sirens were described as having been designed to create the "most distressing noise ever created by man." The sirens will be so loud that they will be audible even above the sounds of heavy traffic.

The new sirens were installed after recent tests indicated that sirens of the original Army design could not be heard above the din of heavy traffic. The sirens blast out a tremendous two-minute signal heralding approach of enemy planes. The new sirens operate at such high air pressure that one almost blew a workman off a roof when he inadvertently stood in front of one of the sirens during a test.—United Press.

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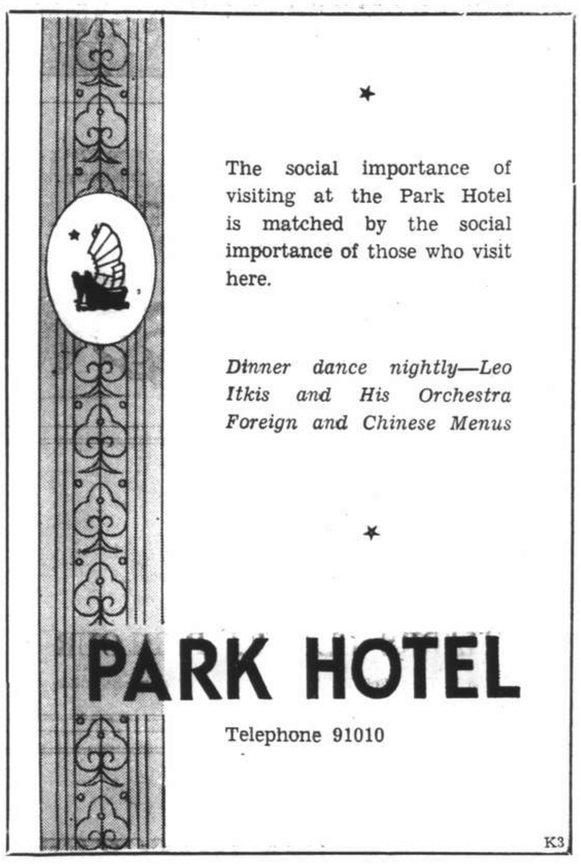
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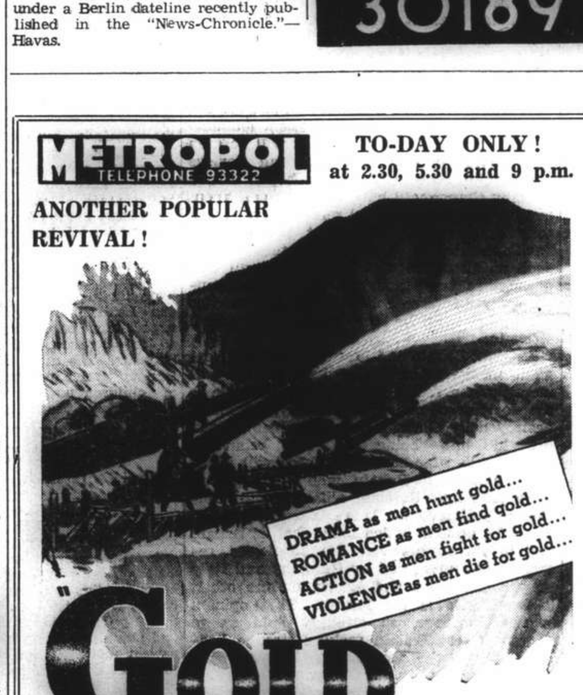

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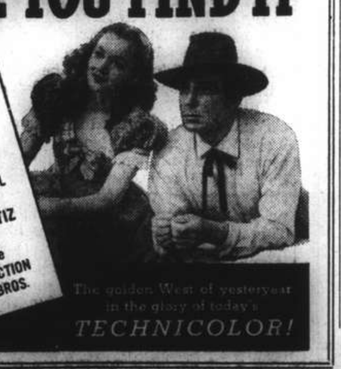

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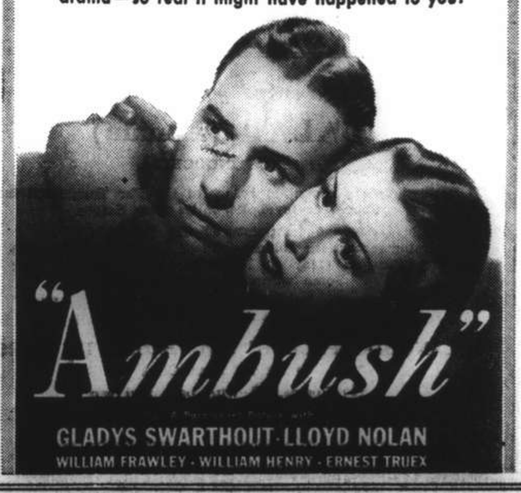

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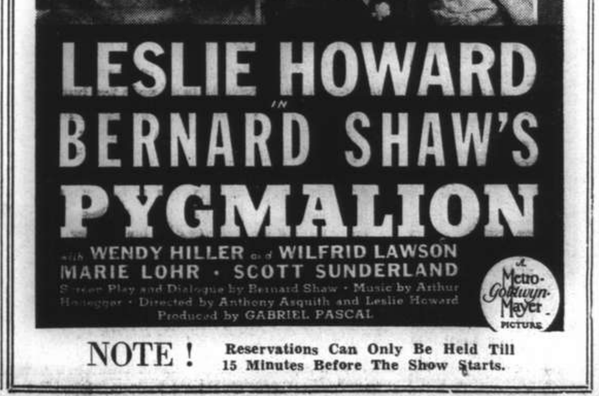
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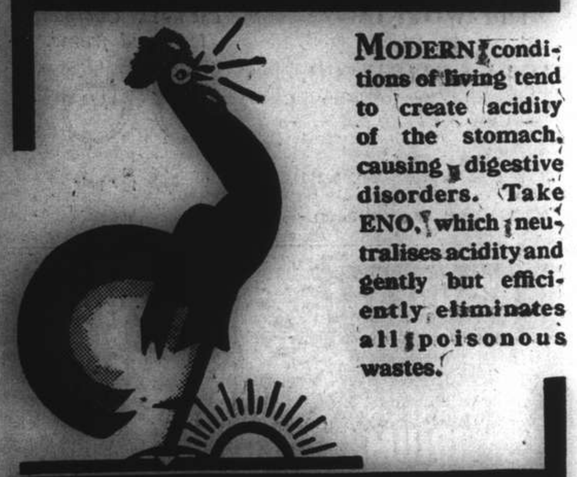

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ENGAGEMENT

CZIRKELBACH—MACEK.—The engagement is announced of ANTHONY CZIRKELBACH and Mrs. ELIZABETH MACEK, Shanghai. -4965

MARRIAGE

EVANS—GREENFIELD.—On April 18, 1939, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Very Rev. Dean Trivett, M.A., D.D., AUDREY VICTORIA FRANCES, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Greenfield, of Shanghai, to CHARLES THOMAS, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Evans, of Portsmouth, England. 12189

DEATH

TOWNSEND.—On April 16, 1939, at 29 Palace Gate, London, ALFRED MARKHAM TOWNSEND, aged 92, late of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. -4995

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Mr. ERNEST P. STAUDER wishes to acknowledge with grateful thanks his appreciation of messages of sympathy and for the beautiful flowers sent during his recent bereavement. 12189

The family of the late Mr. KARL GOTTFRIED NEUBOURG wish to thank all friends for the kind expressions of sympathy and floral tributes sent during their recent bereavement. 12190

IMPARTIAL NOT NEUTRAL

LONDON AND MOSCOW

It is but natural that there should be considerable speculation concerning the progress of the Anglo-Russian negotiations for something which it is believed may turn out to be a military alliance designed for the purpose of adding to the structure of mutual defence which has been created with astonishing rapidity since dismemberment of Czechoslovakia. There has been a certain objection to the receipt of military aid from Russia by Poland, which is determined that Soviet soldiers shall not encroach upon Polish territory, though this does not, so it would appear, preclude Russia from giving that assistance in the air, which should serve to change the balance of air power in Europe immediately, and most certainly some time before the full effect of Britain's air rearmament comes fully into play. The major points, which it is reported are under consideration in London and Moscow, include a Soviet guarantee to Rumania, to which Moscow is reported already to have given a verbal acceptance, British guarantees to Poland, Rumania and Turkey. The general effect of such an arrangement would be that the western borders of Russia will be adequately guaranteed, for, if the anti-aggression pact operates in favour of Poland and Rumania, than it would be impossible for Germany to move against Russia without taking such steps as would automatically bring the anti-aggression understandings into operation. If to this is added a general agreement between Great Britain and Russia, providing for mutual reciprocation, amounting to a full military alliance, it will be seen that, should present Anglo-Russian parleys end in the success which is hoped for, a striking change will have been brought about in European international relationships which may have a profound effect upon future developments. It should not be thought that such an arrangement would destroy all fear of another war, though it may very considerably reinforce beliefs at present held as to what would be the result of such a struggle.

If Great Britain and Russia do reach agreement on the points under discussion, it will merely mean that a return has been made to the doctrine of collective security, originally destroyed by German action, and now again brought into being by the behaviour of that self-same country. There will probably be many in Britain, who will still look upon an Anglo-Russian alliance with considerable disfavour. There is a strong body of public opinion which holds that, if Britain had to choose between the ideologies respectively represented by Germany and Italy on the one hand and Russia on the other, it would choose the former. That opinion is not, however, so strongly held as to prevent Great Britain seeking strange bedfellows, and the world may be somewhat bewildered by the rapidity with which Whitehall is adapting its policy to swiftly changing times. Much has been made of recent military purges in Russia as tending to weaken that country's military machine. There is still the uncomfortable fear that the removal of too many of the higher officers in the Red army may have led to a deterioration of its military effectiveness. That is a possibility which should not be overlooked, but as, judging from the manner in which developments are shaping, there is little likelihood of anything but Russia's air force being used in Europe, too much weight need not be given to this particular aspect of the matter. With the adherence of both Russia and Turkey to the proposed anti-aggression pact this portion of British policy will have achieved complete success. The union of all the nations, likely to be most closely affected by the German and Italian schemes for territorial aggrandisement, in a determination to oppose it to the bitter end may be termed by Germany a policy of encirclement. It is quite clear that the effects of that encirclement need never be felt so long as those two nations refrain from that aggression to which it is at present feared they are contemplating to resort. In its essence, being purely defensive, it need give no rise for more anxiety, than does the Entente Cordiale in times of peace.

There is, about these reports of a possible Anglo-Russian military alliance still many questions which can only be answered when the terms of whatever understanding is reached are published. Not the least interesting item for speculation is as to what would be the effect of such an agreement upon the situation in the Far East. It should be quite obvious that an Anglo-Russian military alliance designed merely to meet the European situation would be most one-sidedly in favour of Britain and France. If Moscow insists that the understanding shall be all-embracing then her position in the Far East will be very considerably strengthened. But then so also would that of Great Britain and France. Thus no matter how unpalatable this Anglo-French-Russian understanding may be to some people it is apparent that it is the only possible answer to the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis which can be evolved in present circumstances. A counsel of perfection would be the inclusion of the United States in such an arrangement. That, however, seems hardly to be within the bounds of practical politics, though with the strong American disapproval of the methods followed by the two European dictators, and the very real moral support of the democracies by the United States, the absence of that country from partnership in any such coalition of states need not in itself be an ingredient of weakness. It may in certain circumstances turn out to be an added strength. But for the moment the greatest attention must be centred upon the European effects of an Anglo-Russian alliance combined with that between France and Russia. As a weapon of self defence it may be of the strongest influence in assisting Herr Hitler to make the decision which he has to reach by April 28. By that time it is to be hoped that Moscow and London will have reached a complete and published agreement. Should that be so it may serve very greatly to modify what at present appears to be the common policy of Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini.

The Old Home Town

Wiping away nostalgic, or maybe, glycerine tears, it is hoped that a sense of forbearance will prevail and prevent Miss Irene Dunne, the Hollywood movie actress, from going any farther with her proposal to develop real interest in the old home town, especially as far as movie stars are concerned. Miss Dunne, claiming the approval of Mrs. Roosevelt, thinks it is high time city dwellers should revive interest in their old home towns where they were born and reared, and as far as Hollywood is concerned everybody should spend one week a year at home, resume their contacts with their family life and return to Hollywood with a refreshed viewpoint. Apart from the spectacular publicity value and the astonishment created by this sudden return to the scenes of childhood, it would be interesting to learn how many of Hollywood's glamorous satellites would confess where they originally came from. Most of them hide their early careers—unless they are exotic or plain "backbone of America" origins—so effectively in a haze of publicity half-truths or inventions that it would be devastatingly ruinous to divulge some of these interesting personal details. Many of the screen names, for instance, would collapse like a bubble if an affection for the old home town ever developed and became public property, while the languid beauties who have derived their reputations from South Sea island and other exotic atmospheres would simply vanish if too great an insistence were placed on the uninspiring little towns where they were born. There is still the story of the enterprising American girl from a Middle West town who crashed the gate of Noel Coward's extremely all-British "Cavalcade" with an accent which made purest Oxford appear slightly vulgar and unrefined. And in this connection the reflection might be made that Hollywood's crowd of imported or pseudo-foreign stars might suffer a certain amount of heart-burning if the scheme became so popular as to be compulsory. There would either be a tremendous tourist traffic dislocating the cinema industry or else shamefaced admissions which might change the entire nationalistic tendency.

London's Budget

This year the London County Council celebrates its jubilee, and the great development of the capital of the Empire is indicated by its financial position. Fifty years ago the rateable value per capita of population was £7.12.7; it is now £15.3.7. The gross maintenance expenditure in 1889 was about £2,500,000, and, while it is not possible to make an absolute comparison with figures for to-day, as the Council has in the meantime assumed financial responsibility for more public services than was formerly the case, the amount spent has enormously increased. The approved estimates for expenditure on maintenance account for the year 1939-40 totals £35,972,043. Of this sum £24,113,000 will be found by the ratepayers, the remainder coming from various grants from the national exchequer and other sources. Enormous as are these sums, the citizens of London have no reason to object to them on the grounds of extravagance, for they provide amenities, great efficiency and amazing variety. The public services of London have contributed to the happiness and welfare of the populace in a number of ways. The people of London are healthier and of stronger constitution than were their parents. During the fifty years of the London County Council's existence, the expectation of a man's life has risen from 40 to 58 years, and a woman's from 44 to 64 years. The death rate has fallen from eighteen to twelve per mille, while the death rate of children under one year has fallen from 141 to sixty per mille of births.

A COUNTRY DIARY

April 13. (Weihaiwei).—The first sunny day after the rains....and I can literally see the bare brown hills turning into green life beneath my eyes: the thirsty earth has sucked in the moisture and is dry on the surface, but there is a faint moist feeling as I run it through my fingers. Down in the plains the gardens are still bare, for this northern country is three weeks behind the moist Shanghai terrain, and only the faithful Willow is showing green: apples, pears and plums are thrusting forth buds and it is the apricot alone which has produced its lovely blooms....red, pink and white, all through the most delicate shades. Up in the hills the story is quite different, for here "the flowers that bloom in the Spring, *Tra-la*" are already running riot: here are violets of the deepest violet hue all mixed up with a brilliant variety of Sunspurge which we never see in Shanghai.... its tiny flowers are encased in three bract-like leaves of almost yellow green, while down below are deep green leaves with a "parting" down the middle reminding me of the hirsute fashions of my early youth: this is Peking Spurge (*Euphorbia pekinensis*)—and I can only say it is one of the most beautiful wild flowers I have ever seen. One thousand feet up in a deep rocky gorge I survey the little kingdom around me: three great Kites throw fascinating shadows among the rocks: so far have I stepped from the ordinary haunts of man that even the birds seem to have lost their fear of human beings: a little grey Titmouse is so bold that he flies around my head with his wings sounding like rattles in my ears: he perches on each surrounding pine in turn and chides me in his own quaint language....finally, to my astonishment, sitting on the rock in front of me scolding me boldly for my intrusion. And so, in the midst of war's alarms, I heave a sigh and say to myself...."there is peace."

IN PARENTHESIS

Mixed

CLERGYMAN'S wife (rushing out into the garden where her offspring are engaged in teasing a terrier):—

"Children, you must not make all that noise. Your father is busy writing his sermon—and you really must not worry the poor brute."

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Innocence

AN uncle took his small niece and nephew to the Zoo. When they came to the chimpanzee's cage, the little girl said: "Doesn't it look like Uncle?" "Ssh! You mustn't say that!" said her brother. "Why?" she said "It can't understand, can it?"

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Net Sales Exceed 3,000,000

THE Fishing Net Marketing Board reports that 3,567,000 fishing nets (excluding shrimping nets) have been sold since the inauguration of the Board.

In some instances sales have been stimulated by accompanying the nets with free insurance, herring barrels, fountain-pens, and sumptuously bound sets of the works of Joseph Conrad and H. de Vere Stacpoole.

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Precaution

PAT and Mike lay next to each other in hospital, both suffering from the same leg trouble. The doctor came along and attended Pat's leg. The poor fellow screamed with pain.

Then the doctor examined Mike's leg, patted it, twisted it, but Mike didn't make a sound.

After the doctor had gone Pat shouted to his friend, "Oh, boy, but it's the brave chap ye are!"

"Brave nothing," retorted Mike. "I saw what he did to you, so I showed him my good leg!"

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More Bitter

"HIT says 'ere 'ow heels are in the news," observed the pretty barmaid, looking up from the "Daily Rubbishdump" and tapping a daintily arched shoe provocatively.

"Ho, hit does, does hit?" retorted the red-faced man in the corner truculently. "Well, let me tell you heels is aht o' season. Now if you was to say, 'ike hor even 'alibut."

"Keep yer 'air on," complained the barmaid. "Can't a girl 'ave 'iccups and put a haitch hin the wrong place without you creating. Hit was 'eels hi said and 'eels hi meant. Now wot you got ter say?"

"Anuvver pint of bitter," replied the defeated fisherman, "and look sharp abaht it!"

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Musical Memories

YEHUDI Menuhin, the news-hawks report, has been inspired by the hum of an electric floor-sweeper.

Such occurrences are frequent in musical history. Johann Strauss was one night guest of honour at a banquet in the old Imperial Palace on the shore of the Danube.

Early in the course of the meal his hostess observed him jotting down a theme on the back of his menu. "A new waltz, maestro?" she inquired.

"Yes, your Highness, and dedicated to you," responded Strauss. "It is inspired by the sound of the Danube as it splashes and foams past your Palace windows."

After the soup had been cleared away Strauss turned to his hostess and said: "It is strange, is it not, your Highness, but the Danube has stopped."

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Cosmetics

THE air palpitated with the odious rhythm of a slushy waltz.

"Darling," breathed John as he drew Daphne down beside him on to the garden seat, "your cheeks are as soft as rose petals!"

"I know," replied Daphne seriously. "You see, I invariably wash my face in Frotho, an indispensable preparation for every woman who wishes to retain the adoration of her man.

"Furthermore, I use a special beauty cream, Softo, compounded of ingredients mixed by the personal advisers of Cleopatra in the hey-day of her loveliness. It contains autobicarbonates, perihelion, ground glass crystalates, tricyclides, embolin, sanhedrin, and ipecacuanha.

"Dearest, forgive me if I look too far into the wonderful future I shall spend with you, but I hope that our children, too, will use Frotho and Softo...."

But Daphne was speaking to the empty air. John had crept off and was sitting next to Florrie in the summer-house.

"Your hair," he murmured, "smells divinely of wood smoke."

"Divinely my foot!" retorted Florrie briskly. "You're singeing it with your cigarette. My hair smells like hair, and if you don't like it you can lump it."

"Thank God," said John fervently.

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Incident

AN international incident has arisen over the recent visit of the French President, writes a British columnist. Apparently Mademoiselle Paulette Grenadine, who was here to represent the Société des Femmes de la Santé et de la Beauté, caught her stocking on a diplomat's sword at the Covent Garden gala.

She went next morning to a hosiery shop where, putting her leg up on the counter, she pointed to her stocking and said in her pretty broken English: "Ze ladder in ze hose!"

The shopwalker could not resist the opportunity for a sally, and said gravely: "Mademoiselle, allow me to direct you to the fire station."

There was further trouble when Mlle. Grenadine arrived at the fire station. Pointing to a couple of hydrants she said, again in her pretty broken English: "Are zose darn sings pumps?"

"You come ter the wrong shop, Mum," replied the quick-witted fire brigadier. "Wot you want is a shoe shop!"

Almost in tears, Mlle. Grenadine sought the nearest teashop and collapsed. As she came round she murmured patriotically: "Vive l'Entente Cordiale!" And the waitress brought her a glass of lime juice.

A question is to be asked in the House about all this.

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min.	54.0	Max.	61.0
Same date, 1938	Min.	59.5	Max.	89.0
Rainfall .23				

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min.	54.5	Max.	61.7
Same date, 1938	Min.	53.4	Max.	88.7

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 17th:—Pressure normal to high and steady over China, Japan and Korea. Northerly to easterly winds along the China Coast. Fine weather in the north-east: overcast with mist or rain in our regions and in the south.

State on the morning of the 18th:—Overcast weather with drizzle. Pressure rather normal and unsteady. North-north-easterly wind.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Siberian air over north-east China, tropical air over south-west and Central China. Cloudy weather and south-easterly to south-westerly winds around Shantung. Overcast, cloudy at times but with fog or even rain and northerly to north-easterly winds over our regions: north-easterly to south-easterly over the Eastern Sea. —Siccawei Observatory.

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Mr. Chamberlain Tells Commons of Parleys

No Specific Engagements Made with Holland, Switzerland or Denmark But Independence of States Vital; American Initiative Welcomed

London, Apr. 18.

"I WOULD like to take this opportunity of informing the House of the great satisfaction with which His Majesty's Government welcomed the recent initiative of the President of the United States," the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, declared in the House of Commons this morning. Replying to a question by the leader of the Labour Opposition, Mr. C. R. Attlee, Mr. Chamberlain said: "His Majesty's Government have continued their close consultation with other Governments interested, including Soviet Russia. I am not yet in a position to add anything to the statement I made in the course of the debate on April 13."

Asked whether the Government had contracted any engagement towards Holland, Switzerland, or Denmark in the event of aggression against these states, Mr. Chamberlain declared that "the Government entered into no specific engagements with the three countries named. It is not necessary for me to insist on His Majesty's Government's interest in the preservation of their independence."

Mr. Duncan Sandys asked if any new military measures had been taken by the Government.

"In addition to the number of detailed measures which cannot be set out in reply to the question, steps are being taken both to accelerate and widen the basis of production with a view to creating an increased war potential, bearing in mind the increased demand upon our resources which it is provident to anticipate in view of recent developments," Mr. Chamberlain replied.

Ministry of Supplies

In reply to Mr. Graham White, the Prime Minister announced his belief that he would be shortly in a position to make a statement on the creation of a Ministry of Supplies advocated by many members of the majority.

Sir John Anderson, Lord Privy Seal and Minister of Civil Defence, then announced the names of those appointed heads of local committees for carrying out the National Service plan. Among them is Lord Harlech, who as Mr. William Ormsby-Gore, was formerly Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander then asked whether the Government was considering General Staff conversations with the countries with which Great Britain contracted military obligations.

"The Government will maintain all necessary contacts in military as in all matters with the countries in question," Mr. Chamberlain replied.

According to well-informed quarters here, Mr. Chamberlain is unlikely to announce the conclusion of an Anglo-Turkish agreement for a few days yet.

Turkey and Soviet Russia are keeping in close touch with each other and it is believed that Ankara wishes to know the definite results of the Anglo-Soviet parleys before signing an agreement with Great Britain. The Anglo-Turkish parleys deal exclusively with the granting of a free passage through the Dardanelles Straits to British warships going to Rumania, and with the adjustment of the Montreax agreement to the present international situation.

The Soviet Ambassador to the Court of St. James, M. Ivan Maisky, left by air for Moscow this morning to confer with his Government regarding recent Anglo-Soviet talks.—Havas.

French Negotiations

Paris, Apr. 17.

Commenting on the "excellent manner" in which negotiations are proceeding with Rumania and Poland in connection with a defensive system in Eastern Europe, authoritative quarters today pointed out that these are not yet completed, and that it would be premature to make any announcement.—Reuter.

Bren Gun Supplies

London, Apr. 18.

The Secretary of State for War, Mr. Hore-Belisha, in replying to a question in the House of Commons relating to Bren guns, stated that the output was being enlarged and "sufficient capacity" was being created in Canada.

Australia, South Africa and India, he said, also contemplated establishing factories to manufacture Bren guns.

All regular infantry units at home and abroad, except those in India and Burma, which were separately equipped, Mr. Hore-Belisha added, had had Bren guns issued up to war scale.—Reuter.

Reich and Poland May Compromise

Return of Danzig and Trans-Corridor Road Settlement Impending

Warsaw, Apr. 18.

Germany and Poland may reach a compromise agreement regarding the fate of Danzig, informed political quarters reported today. Reliable quarters admitted Poland and Germany would renew negotiations regarding Danzig in the near future.

Polish quarters said the two nations might agree to make Danzig a "free German city" by the removal of League of Nations officials from the administration.—United Press.

Agreement Said Imminent

Berlin, Apr. 18.

Germany and Poland will soon reach an agreement providing for the return of Danzig to Germany, persistent reports in Nazi circles said last night.

Germany is believed to be in negotiation with Poland for the return of Danzig to Germany, the settlement of minority problems and the question of affording Germany a path across the Polish Corridor.

All Nazi sources insist that Germany will not take Danzig by force because an aggressive move, either against Danzig or the Polish Corridor, probably would be the signal for general European hostilities which Germany apparently is still anxious to avoid.—United Press.

London Advising Parleys?

London, Apr. 18.

The fate of Danzig may be sealed within the next few days, the "News-Chronicle" reported this morning from Berlin.

"While the Polish Government has adopted a firm stand, rumours have it that the Polish Government has received from London the friendly advice to negotiate on the Danzig problem," the paper stated. "According to Polish circles in Berlin, Poland is determined to enter into action if 'spontaneous' decisions are taken in Danzig."—Havas.

Japanese Flew Over French Territory

Chinese Make Charge After Raid on Mengtze

Chungking, Apr. 18.

The Chinese Aviation Headquarters, in a statement issued today alleges that the Japanese 'planes which participated in the raid on Mengtze, a town on the Kunming-Hanoi railway, on April 13, flew over French territory in reaching their objective. The Foreign Office has called the attention of the French and also the Indo-China authorities to the alleged trespass.

The statement issued by the Chinese Aviation Headquarters states:

"The aeroplanes which took part in the raid on Mengtze on April 13 took off from Waichow Island in the Gulf of Tongking. They flew over French Indo-China and Laokay, border town between Yunnan and Indo-China, and went straight to Kokiu, west of Mengtze, before they changed their course eastward to bomb Mengtze.

"The following points will substantiate our statement:

"1. Chinese air defence observation posts in Wenshan (Kaihwa) and Sisha, near the south-western corner of Yunnan province, did not see any enemy 'planes passing in either direction on the day. Wenshan and Sisha are on the direct route from the Japanese air base on Waichow Island to the southern part of Yunnan province, where Mengtze is situated.

"2. The Japanese 'planes which raided Mengtze were sighted first over Chengnankwan, on the border of Kwangsi province and Indo-China, and reappeared over Laokay, border town between Yunnan and Indo-China on the Kunming-Hanoi Railway, but were not seen above Wenshan and Sisha. Obviously, they must have taken a short cut over Indo-China."

"Another proof," says the Chinese Aviation Headquarters, "was the attack on the Eurasia mail 'plane No. 19 near Laokay at that particular time."

"This could not have been possible if the Japanese 'planes did not pass over French Indo-China. Kokiu is 20 miles west of Mengtze. Therefore, no Japanese aeroplanes could pass through Mengtze to Kokiu without being detected. The only explanation was that they flew over Indo-China to Kokiu and then turned eastward."—Reuter.

Paymaster-Captain D. S. Lambert Promoted

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 17.

Paymaster-Captain D. S. Lambert has been appointed Paymaster Director-General, with the rank of Paymaster Rear-Admiral, in succession to Sir Arthur Strickland. His appointment will date from July 10, 1939.—Reuter.

British Ship Detained By Japanese

Douglas Line Vessel Held Up Near Amoy

According to a Chinese evening report yesterday a steamer belonging to the Douglas Steamship Company (Hongkong) has been detained by the Japanese navy near Amoy where it has been loaded with salt.

No definite time is mentioned in the report but it is said that the detention was effected last week when the boat was sailing between Hongkong and Amoy.

The boat was asked to proceed to Panghu (lake) under escort and there the captain was asked to produce documents to prove the British nationality of the ship.

British naval authorities in Hongkong are stated to have sent a war vessel anchored off Swatow to proceed to Panghu to investigate. A protest has already been lodged with the Japanese.

"Cash Carry" Clause To Be Dropped

Trade Restrictions Against Japan May Be Requested

Washington, Apr. 18.

Senator Key Pittman disclosed today that the "cash and carry" provision of the Neutrality Act will probably be allowed to expire on April 30, despite the European crisis. He had previously stated that the provision might be extended, but enactment of the revised version would be sought.

It is learned authoritatively that Senator Pittman intends to ask Congress later to impose restrictions on the United States trade with Japan because of alleged Japanese violation of the Nine-Power Treaty.—Reuter.

Axis Powers Have Much to Lose in War

Possible Replies To Peace Proposal Brings Speculation

London, Apr. 18.

No reason has hitherto been vouchsafed for Herr Hitler's delay in replying to President Roosevelt's proposals until the Reichstag meeting, which could, constitutionally, be called in a shorter period. Newspaper observers in Great Britain and France, however, regard the interim as guaranteeing a lull after a period of tension. There is only the vaguest speculation about the nature of Herr Hitler's response.

"The Times" says it would be another delusion to imagine that the Axis Powers have less to lose from war than the rest, or that they are less likely to be overtaken by defeat and collapse. The British Government, like the American Administration, it continues, is more than willing to welcome negotiations to re-establish genuine peace. If Herr Hitler has constructive counter-proposals, the paper declares, the British people will await and test them in that spirit.

The peace front has a plain recognition of necessities behind it, says "The Times," and a determination which is deep founded. Because its purpose is neither self-regarding nor aggressive, it can well become the instrument of positive peace when all its members have concrete proof of a new security in which all can put their confidence. Until that day arrives, concludes "The Times," it will not relax a jot of its resolution or vigilance.—Reuter.

Paris Press Pessimistic

Paris, Apr. 18.

The attention of the press is focussed on Herr Hitler's decision to convoke the Reichstag on April 28.

Berlin correspondents of Paris newspapers are pessimistic and express the opinion that the delay until April 28 is due to Herr Hitler's desire to settle the Danzig question before the convocation.

"Le Jour" asks: "Is it the idea of the leaders of Germany that the Reich is on the morrow of a fresh triumph over the European status quo?"

"Le Journal" says that the next few days may well see another *fait accompli*.—Reuter.

Italian Reactions

Rome, Apr. 17.

Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, the German Air Minister, left here for Berlin today, after talks with Signor Mussolini regarding President Roosevelt's peace message. Italy's reply to the message is expected to be made simultaneously with Germany's.

The reply of the Axis Powers, it is considered here, will be tantamount to an out-and-out rejection of the two main proposals, namely, a ten-year guarantee that no country be attacked, and the idea of participation in a world conference.

The replies are expected to stress the fact that Italy "desires nothing more than peace," and that action both in Ethiopia and Albania was brought about by a state of affairs "which threatened world peace."

Regarding the proposed world conference, it is thought probable that Italy will declare that satisfaction of her claims against France would be the condition for her entering any world conference. It is anticipated that no counter-proposals will be made.—Reuter.

Anglo-French Moves Watched

London, Apr. 17.

Success or failure of Anglo-French negotiations for a wide system of anti-war accords will greatly influence the tenor of Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler's Reichstag speech on April 28, when he is to answer President Roosevelt's appeal for ten years of peace, diplomatic quarters predicted today.

Observers here especially noted the different reactions shown in Berlin and Rome when President Roosevelt's appeal was first made public.

The German press was at once violent and negative whereas Italian newspapers were at first rather hesitant and in some ways even favourable. Then Signor Mussolini conferred with Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, who was in Rome, and immediately afterwards, the Italian press assumed a negative attitude while German newspapers became more moderate today.

Politicians declared that Berlin and Rome were showing uneasiness.—Havas.

New York Crowd Demonstrates Against Hitler

The popularity of the "Stop Hitler" movement in New York can be judged from the size of this crowd which jammed Columbus Circle for the rally which followed the anti-Nazi parade in protest against the seizure of Czechoslovakia.

Japanese Occupy Kuling After Gruelling Battle

Chinese Defenders Put Up Stubborn Resistance In Spite of Poor Arms; Foreigners Said Safe

Kiukiang, Apr. 18.

CULMINATING a 28-hour lightning attack, Japanese troops at 7.25 o'clock this morning occupied Kuling, the famous mountain resort on top of the Lushan mountains in northern Kiangsi province.

The Chinese defenders of the mountain area, who had defied Japanese attacks for six months, were "annihilated", the headquarters of the Japanese Expeditionary Force to Central China announced in an official communique at 11 o'clock this morning at Hankow.

Details regarding the fate of foreign residents still remaining in Kuling could not be learned here this morning, but all were believed to be safe in a specially designated zone of refuge in Kuling.

From the north-east, north-west, and south-west Japanese troops began converging upon the mountain tops from early yesterday morning.

Chinese troops, commanded by 32-year-old Major-Gen. Yang Yu-chun, offered stubborn resistance in spite of their comparatively poor armament, which consisted principally of about 20 heavy machine-guns with a proportionate number of Bren guns. Hand grenades were freely used by the Chinese, who numbered about 2,500 men.

Adding to the difficulties of negotiating "goat track" mountain paths, the principal mountain trails had been mined by the Chinese.

Commander Escapes

Major-Gen. Yang, who had been commended by Gen. Chiang Kai-shek for his success in "defending" Kuling up to now, appeared to have succeeded in slipping through the Japanese lines before the fall of Kuling. He has, however, to cross wide tracts of Japanese-controlled territory before he can rejoin the Chinese lines. His command consisted of members of the Peace Maintenance Corps of Kiangsi with an indetermined proportion of Chinese Central Army troops.

With a burst of artillery fire, blasting away the first-line Chinese defences at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, the Japanese operations for the capture of Kuling, long delayed because of the presence of a large number of third party nationals, was launched.

At 5.30 o'clock, infantry began advancing from Lotus Flower Cave towards Chunshan, on top of which Chinese troops were securely entrenched. By 7.40 o'clock, Japanese vanguards bayonetted their way into the Chunshan positions, which were completely cleared of Chinese troops by 10.50 o'clock.

Continuing their advance, the Japanese marched into Taimatou at 8 o'clock last night. By 10.20 o'clock, this Japanese column was in the village of Hsiatenchih, in the immediate outskirts of Kuling.

After a night's rest here, the Japanese resumed their advance at dawn this morning, to penetrate into Kuling shortly after 7 o'clock.

Advance from South-west

Meantime, from Wulin, 16 kilometres south-west of Kuling, another Japanese column advanced towards the mountain resort reducing Chinese positions at Menyangshan, Tientsun, and Meying on the way. Breaking through Changtsun, north of Mienyangshan, the Japanese seized Changkiashan.

Starting from Tunglinchieh, in the north-western foothills of Lushan at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, a third Japanese column occupied Woman's Head mountain overlooking Kuling from the north-west by 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after fighting their way through Wankiapan, Tasuipi, and other points en route.

A detail from this column captured Luehantu, north of Woman's Head peak, also yesterday evening. Iron Point Peak, or Tienchiehfeng, was also taken.

Launching operations from Kaolungchen, a village near Singtze, on the western bank of Lake Poyang, yesterday morning, a fourth Japanese column reached 1,488-metre height by 1 o'clock this morning.

Japanese forces, operating out of Maouchen, captured Yangkiatun, at 7 o'clock this morning. This unit reported that it was still in pursuit of retreating Chinese troops.

Long renowned as a beauty spot, the Lushan mountains became internationally known following the establishment of a summer colony there by a group of foreigners in the latter part of the last century.—Domei.

Property Damage Feared

Fears that extensive property damage may have been inflicted to Chinese and foreign property by the resort to "scorched earth" tactics by retreating Chinese troops was voiced by a Japanese army spokesman in Shanghai yesterday evening.

He said that details could not be obtained, but that judging from past Chinese performances a partial destruction of the summer resort was to be feared.

Japanese units attacking the Lushan area, he said, had received details of one or more officers, who had dealt with affairs involving foreigners in the past, in order to "minimize as far as possible any damage to third party property during the course of the operations," the spokesman said.

Foreigners Safe

Kuling, Apr. 18.

Arrival here today of Japanese forces found 76 foreigners, comprising 40 Britons, 28 Americans, two Germans and six Swiss nationals, safe and well.

Japanese gendarmes commanded by Lieut. Hisao Makimoto followed, vanguards into the city and pasted identifying notices on foreign property and the army's proclamation urging the Chinese to carry on normal business and warning them against harbouring anti-Japanese elements.

Dr. H. G. Barrie, a British physician, revealed that Chinese troops fled from Kuling one hour before the arrival of the Japanese, fleeing through nine mountain passes.

Dr. Barrie expressed relief at the arrival of the Japanese forces, which he said removed a source of anxiety in the colony. "Having stored large quantities of food, we did not feel privations," he said. He paid a tribute to the bravery and stamina of the Japanese forces who overcame a difficult terrain in advancing on Kuling.

Kuling was virtually undamaged as the Chinese were unable to resort to "scorched earth" tactics because of the rapidity of the Japanese advance.—Domei.

Heavy Concentration of Forces at Gibraltar, Tangier Regions

German Naval Squadron Sails for Spanish Waters; More Troops Sent to La Linea

London, Apr. 18.

While there are now thirteen French warships at Gibraltar, Reuter learns that practically the entire British Mediterranean Fleet is at Malta, or in the vicinity. A few British ships are at Gibraltar, and they are mostly destroyers.—Reuter.

German Squadron on Way

Kiel, Apr. 18.

The German naval squadron which was to leave today for Spanish waters, weighed anchor this morning from this port. The squadron consists of two battleships, two cruisers, two destroyer divisions and three submarine flotillas. The cruise will last for one month.—Havas.

Spanish Troops in La Linea

Gibraltar, Apr. 18.

Spanish military reinforcements continued to pour into the neighbouring Spanish town of La Linea today. According to reliable reports a cavalry regiment arrived at San Roque this morning, while another such regiment is expected in Algeciras. Several French men-of-war are to arrive in Gibraltar today.—Havas.

Moors in Spanish Morocco

Rabat, Apr. 18.

It is reliably reported from Tangier that an important contingent of Moorish troops is to arrive in Spanish Morocco from Spain shortly. During the past few days, over 4,000 Moorish soldiers have landed in Spanish Morocco ports.—Havas.

Italians to be Withdrawn

Paris, Apr. 18.

The Spanish Nationalist Government informed France today that 45,000 Italian and German troops would leave Spain immediately after the Nationalist victory parade in Madrid on May 15. Simultaneously reports from Spain said that General Francisco Franco had reviewed 75,000 troops at Seville yesterday in the first of a series of victory parades to be held throughout Spain.—United Press.

Italians Now in Alicante

Madrid, Apr. 18.

The entire effectives of the Italian Littorio division are at present concentrated in Alicante. It is understood that these troops will leave for Italy shortly. The remaining Italian forces which took part in the civil war, the Black, Green, and Red Arrows, are in Alicante, Almeria, and Albacete.

The Black Arrows division and a detachment of the Green Arrows will represent the Italian volunteers in the Victory Parade here on May 15. The Black Arrows are the oldest Italian troops in Spain, having been sent shortly following the period in which General Franco was finding it difficult to cope with the situation. They are composed of Black Shirts. —Havas.

Push South of Nanchang Continued

Japanese Claim Heavy Loss Suffered by Chinese

Nanchang, Apr. 19.

Without halting their advance after crossing the Wu River on April 16, which had resulted in the killing of 400 Chinese troops out of a total of 1,000, four Japanese detachments captured the town of Putsinhwa, 40

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Guerillas Active in Manchoukuo

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

Chinese guerilla troops have recently been active in Kirin province of Manchoukuo, Japanese reports admitted today. Hundreds of Chinese irregulars were reported to have attacked the village of Tapuchiaho and neighbouring villages last week. Tapuchiaho government offices were burned to the ground before the Chinese forces were repulsed, the reports said.—United Press.

Peace with Japan "Impossible"

Gen. Chiang Kai-shek Tells How China's Plans Have Enmeshed Invaders

Chungking, Apr. 18.

"In the existing circumstances, there is no possibility of peace," declared General Chiang Kai-shek in an interview with pressmen today.

Asked if the terms offered by Prince Konoye, the former Japanese Premier, could still be used as a basis for peace talks, the Generalissimo recalled his statement last December, in which he described the "new order in East Asia" as nothing new, but as another attempt at Japanese hegemony in Asia.

China took up resistance, he continued, for the preservation of her national life, her liberty and her independence, and the war would continue until these aims had been achieved. Nothing could shake the confidence and determination of the Chinese people to resist.

Referring to Mr. Wang Ching-wei, deposed President of the Executive Yuan, and his followers, General Chiang Kai-shek expressed the opinion that moral isolation was a just condemnation, and that legal punishment would wait.

Questioned how the Sino-Japanese war would be terminated, General Chiang Kai-shek said this depended upon the march of events. Japan, he declared, had been reduced to the rank of a second-rate Power as a result of China's prolonged resistance; and the time was bound to come when the Japanese people could no longer bear the strain of war.

Conquest Must be Abandoned

The conflict would come to an end, he went on, when the Japanese militarists realized their mistakes and abandoned their attempt to conquer China.

Asked how the military situation was likely to develop, General Chiang Kai-shek stated that it had been China's policy to gain time at the sacrifice of space, and finally to defeat the enemy through an accumulation of small victories.

Expressing the opinion that the Chinese plan had hitherto been highly successful, he pointed out that, after 22 months of hostilities, China was able to hold many provinces intact, with only deserted capitals and a few provinces in the hands of the Japanese.

Meanwhile the Japanese were being dragged deeper and deeper into a swamp from which it would be difficult to extricate themselves. They were exposing themselves to constant attacks by the Chinese, who still held the rural districts in the so-called occupied areas.

In conclusion, General Chiang Kai-shek condemned "those idiots and traitors who are agitating for peace in the interests of the Japanese."—Reuter.

Norwegian Ships Asked To Keep in Touch

Oslo, Apr. 18.

The Norwegian Ministry for Trade issued a decree yesterday requiring the management of all Norwegian shipping companies to instruct all merchant vessels voyaging in foreign waters to keep permanently in touch with the information service of the Norwegian wireless because this service will at once issue reports should the danger of war in Europe become acute.—Trans-Ocean.

Sino-German Barter Accord Reported

Berlin, Apr. 18.

Chinese circles here report that a barter agreement has been concluded between German industry and the Chinese Government, whereby Germany supplies $10,000,000 worth of finished goods monthly in exchange for raw materials, particularly iron ore. No confirmation of the agreement, however, is obtainable in London.—Reuter.

New World United Behind U.S. President's Peace Appeal

Unanimous Support Given Mr. Roosevelt's Plan; Timely Contribution Welcomed

Washington, Apr. 18.

THE entire Western Hemisphere has joined in unanimous adherence to President Roosevelt's peace plan for Europe, the State Department announced last night. Messages were received from Guatemala, Mexico, Haiti and Paraguay late in the day, completing the list of all South and Central American Republics supporting President Roosevelt's peace appeal to Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, who assisted the President in drafting his messages to the German Chancellor and Italian Premier, expressed his satisfaction yesterday with the reaction to the messages in public and government circles. He said the unanimous support of the Western Hemisphere, including Canada, was an indication of mobilizing public opinion in the American nations in favour of the maintenance of peace.

"Naturally I and my associates are much gratified by the reaction to the messages in this Hemisphere and in Europe," he said. "There has been evidenced the definite feeling that a practical and timely contribution has been made by the President to the cause of peace."

Mr. Hull said no reply to the messages had yet been received from Italy or Germany.

Among the nations which were quick to voice their sympathy with President Roosevelt's appeal for peace were Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Ecuador, Salvador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

President Roberto Ortiz of Argentina said that President Roosevelt had "interpreted the common feelings of the Americas."

Mr. William Lyon MacKenzie-King, Prime Minister of Canada, said that the messages "gave the world a chance to halt on the brink of a catastrophe."

"Your appeal, supported by the prestige of a great nation, places you in a position as leader of the continent and cannot fail but have sympathetic repercussions throughout Brazil," said a message from Dr. Getulio Dornelles Vargas, President of Brazil.

Dictators "Weakening"

The hope that the world may be spared from war because of a weakening of the Totalitarian Powers was expressed last night by the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Key Pittman.

Senator Pittman, who earlier in the week predicted the downfall of all dictators and their governments, said the sudden united front demonstrated by anti-aggression Powers had forced the Totalitarian Powers to reconsider their recent policies.

"There has been a weakening of the Totalitarian Powers' ambition to conquer the world," Senator Pittman commented sarcastically. "They have been obliged to pause, and if this continues a bit longer, the world will be spared from war."

He indicated that the longer Germany and Italy could be forced to remain out of war, the less likely war would become because of the speed with which Britain, France and the United States are rearming. The effect of such a trend also would be felt in the Far East where Japan probably would be forced to abandon present visions of extensive southward expansion, he indicated.

Mr. Fish Booed in House

Mr. Hamilton Fish, Republican Representative of New York, was hissed and booed by spectators in the House of Representatives yesterday when he said President Roosevelt's peace plea to the Totalitarian nations would have been more effective "if he had not engaged in name-calling."

Mr. Adolf Sabath, Democratic Representative of Illinois, condemned Mr. Fish's statement and said "this is not the time to play politics at the expense of national unity."—United Press.

Timing of Peace Message

Washington, Apr. 18.

The State Department today denied the reports that President Roosevelt's message was made known to London, Paris and Moscow before it was sent to Rome and Berlin.

The telegrams to Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini were despatched at 9.35 p.m. (local time) on Friday last. Copies were sent a few hours later to the United States Embassies in Paris and London. On Saturday morning, the State Department instructed the American Ambassador in Paris to transmit the message to the American Embassies and Legations throughout Europe, including Moscow. —Havas.

New Zealand Premier Issues Appeal

"Every Man to Be Ready to Defend His Country"

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Wellington, Apr. 18.

An appeal to every man up to fifty years of age to be prepared to defend his country in the event of the emergency of war was made today by Mr. M. J. Savage, the Prime Minister, speaking at a State Luncheon for the delegates of the Pacific Defence Conference.

The day, he said, might come sooner than it was thought, and then they might have to go to war and New Zealand would have to be ready. While they hoped for peace, he added, there were obstacles to disarmament and, until these were abolished, they could never get the "superstructure" of peace which everyone wanted.

At the same time, concluded Mr. Savage, they would have to be prepared for anything that might happen.—Reuter.

Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rates yesterday were as follows:

Sterling 8¼d. U.S.$ 16 7/32c.

LONDON METALS AND N.Y. CROSS RATE

London, Apr. 18.

Slightly higher prices for silver were fixed in London today, with quotations being as follows:—

	Apr. 17	Apr. 18
London spot	20d.	20 7/16d.
„ forward	19⅜d.	19⅜d.
„ gold	148/6½d.	148/6d.
London/New York:		
One pound U.S.	$4.6804	$4.6804
One U.S. dollar	51.279d.	51.279d.

—Reuter

Wealth of Europe Flows Into U.S.

Greatest Mass Flight Of Funds in History Reported in Progress

New York, Apr. 17.

The United States is rapidly becoming the repository for almost all the surplus funds of war-frightened corporations and individuals in all the countries of Europe. The flight of this frightened capital was described by financial experts here as "one of the greatest mass movements of funds in financial history."

These funds are quite independent of the steady flow of gold into the coffers of the United States Government, which now hold the stupendous sum of more than $15,000,000,000 in the precious metal.

Central banks, corporations and private individuals of wealth abroad are able to establish the kind of banking connections which safeguard their capital. This, apparently, is not quite so easy for the man or company of more modest means. People in the latter category have been hoarding large amounts of dollar currency in safety deposit boxes in Wall Street and have been depositing funds and securities in trust in leading New York Banks.

Many Unusual Requests Made

Some of the requests made in connection with these deposits have been so unusual that many banks have had to decline to handle them altogether.

It was said that citizens of countries where fear of sudden invasion is great—for example, Switzerland and the Netherlands—are seeking to set up trust funds with the stipulation that if their countries are invaded, the banks will not turn over the trust to anyone but the rightful owner.

The idea would be to prevent anyone from getting the money even if the owner, under some kind of duress, signed an authorization. The banks are asked to disregard all but the original instructions as soon as news is received that invading troops have crossed the border. In almost every case, the instructions have to do with invasion and not with declarations of war. "Evidently a lesson has been learned from the undeclared war in China," one financial writer commented.

The old formalities observed in warfare have disappeared along with old fighting methods and apparently the same goes for ways and means of protecting hoarded wealth, another stated.

"Little Men" Largely Ignored

In general, the banks do not relish accepting proposals of this kind. They ordinarily accept "irrevocable" trusts, but they do not like to handle funds in connection with which signatures, cable "test" words and instructions have to be disregarded under dubious and uncertain conditions.

As a result of this, the bulk of the business handled by the banks is that of corporations and a few wealthy individuals. If they desire to keep dollar balances and securities beyond the reach of an invader, it is a comparatively simple matter for them, with their resources, to set up a company to hold the assets deposited in the United States. Such companies then assume the onerous obligations the banks are unwilling to carry.—Havas.

Concentration of Gold

Washington, Apr. 18.

An unprecedented flow of $500,000,000 worth of gold into the United States during the past four weeks was reported today.

The new shipments brought the U.S. Treasury's gold holdings to a record peak of $15,500,000,000, approximately 60 per cent. of the world supply.

Administration officials are prepared to cope with any financial emergency. They were understood not to be concerned over the concentration of gold in the United States, but it is believed that precautionary measures should be devised to protect the securities and foreign exchange markets against damaging developments.

Two meetings of officials here last week canvased all conceivable steps which Government financial experts might take.—United Press.

Police Reserves Leave For S. West Africa

Precautionary Measures Taken Owing to Tension

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Johannesburg, Apr. 17.

The first batches of police reserves from the Union of South Africa left Johannesburg and Bloemfontein to augment the police forces in South-West Africa today.

Altogether, 200 police reserves from all parts of the Union will be drafted to South-West Africa within the next few weeks, purely as a precautionary measure as a result of present international tension.

The dispatch of the police reserves followed the announcement that General J. C. Smuts (Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Justice) would introduce into the House Assembly on Wednesday a Bill providing for the incorporation of the South-West African Police in the South African Police. Unofficially, it is understood that the Bill is intended to strengthen the police of South-West Africa, as, under the Mandate, the Union Government is not allowed to take military measures.—Reuter.

Further Increase in Armed Power of U.S. Hinted

Secretary of War Stresses Preparedness Needs ; Senator Walsh Wants Bigger Navy

Washington, Apr. 18.

THREATS of war on all sides justify the $2,000,000,000 defence programme being pushed to completion by President Roosevelt, the nation was told last night by the Secretary of War, Mr. Harry Woodring. "The brazen threat of war howls from the east across the Atlantic and from the west across the Pacific, while the peoples of the world tremble in fear and apprehension," the Secretary said. "This is adversely affecting the financial, social and economic life of every citizen of the United States.

"The continuous development of more speedy and powerful weapons of war has awakened the American people to the realization that security is no longer assured by the Pacific and Atlantic oceans—in a military sense the Americas are no longer continents." Mr. Woodring delivered his speech here before a meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution a few hours after similar sentiments had been expressed in the Senate by Senator David Walsh, Democrat of Massachusetts.

"We can no longer adequately defend a two-ocean nation with a one ocean Navy," declared Senator Walsh, the Chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee. "In the light of present conditions, we cannot afford to rely on the indulgence of the pretended friendship of any nation. Our Navy and air force must be sufficiently powerful to combat any possible combination of foreign powers."

He said the United States must remain strictly neutral during the current European crisis and warned against efforts to apply economic sanctions against aggressor nations.—United Press.

Propaganda Draws U.S. into War

Washington, Apr. 17.

Senator David I. Walsh, Chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Commission, today called for expansion of the Navy and of the Air Corps "to protect this nation against any eventuality." At the same time, he demanded the revision of the Neutrality Act, so as to prohibit all trade with belligerents after the outbreak of hostilities.

He further proposed that the Government refrain from taking sides, or from expressing favour or disfavour in foreign arguments and disputes. Senator Walsh, drawing a parallel between conditions today and conditions prior to the entry of the United States into the World War, warned the Senate that "today, in similar fashion, propaganda is being frantically and brazenly spread in order to embroil us in the present European disputes, which do not concern us, and which appear certain to lead to another devastating war."

Discussing the defence needs of the United States, Senator Walsh said: "The destruction of the Panama Canal, for instance, might throw the present one-ocean navy system of national defence entirely out of joint."—Reuter.

Embargo on Japan Urged

Washington, Apr. 17.

Legislation to restrict shipments of American war materials to Japan for the duration of the Sino-Japanese conflict was urged upon Congress in petitions signed by 175,000 persons in the State of New York alone, it was announced here.

Details of the petition campaign were revealed by Harry B. Price, Executive Secretary of the American Committee for Non-Participation in Japanese Aggression, which is headed by Col. Henry L. Stimson, former U.S. Secretary of State, as Honorary Chairman.

The petitions were forwarded to Representative Hamilton Fish of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. They included lists from 30,000 members of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, the Congregational and Christian Ministers Association of Metropolitan New York, the New York City Congregational Church Association, a Hunter College group and other bodies in Genesco, Middleburg, Scotia, Brooklyn, White Plains, Rochester and the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School.

The organization has been conducting an active campaign designed to secure government action to end U.S. trade with Japan in war materials. The campaign has been dramatized in some quarters by the charge that the bombs used to sink the American gunboat, U.S.S. Panay, on December 12, 1937, in the Yangtze River, had actually been manufactured in American munitions plants.—Havas.

Robbers Receive Life Imprisonment

Detective's Home in Great Western Road Robbed

Five notorious robbers and kidnappers, some of whom were employed until recently as bodyguards of a gambling house in the western district, were sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday by the First Special District Court. They asked that they also be sent to the Second Special District Court within whose jurisdiction, they said, they had committed a murder but the judge rejected the request explaining that he would prefer to wait for formal extradition application. The sixth man drew eight years charged with robbery.

The sentenced men were found to have committed an armed robbery in a Chinese detective's home in Great Western Road last month and escaped with cash and other valuables amounting to more than $2,000. A service pistol belonging to the victimized detective (who is attached to the Bubbling Well Police Station) was recovered from them. They were also found to have similarly victimized a wealthy Chinese named Liang Wei-min.

The last crime in the Settlement of which they were convicted was the kidnapping of the nine-year old son of Mr. Chang Tze-rih, a wealthy Chinese merchant who lives in the western district. The gang was so daring in this case that after obtaining $7,000 as ransom money from the youngster's father they warned him against reporting the matter to the police under threat. The boy victim was released after the money had been paid.

The sentenced men are Hsu Yung-min, Wang Yu-shan, Chu Yung-lung, Sheng Yu-keng and Chen Hai-bin.

Mrs. Davis Claiming $95,000 Damages

Protest Expected to Be Made Over Incident

Mrs. Albert C. Davis, Japanese-born wife of a British journalist, who on Monday was slapped by a constable of the Japanese consular police when she failed to bow to him on passing across Garden Bridge, was yesterday understood to have placed the matter into the hands of her lawyers. It was also learned that $95,000 would be claimed from the Japanese authorities to cover medical expenses and mental anguish suffered by Mrs. Davis.

Messrs. Hansons, Mrs. Davis' attorneys, were understood to have informed the British Consulate of details of the affair yesterday and a protest is likely to be forthcoming, it was learned.

Local Municipality Protest to French

Following the discovery of the body of Mr. Wang Hsien-ming, sectional chief of the Greater Shanghai Special Municipality, who was murdered in an alley off Rue Wagner in the French Concession early yesterday morning, Mr. Su Hsi-wen, Chief Secretary of the Special Municipality, telephoned a protest to the French Municipal Council, according to the "Tairiku Shimpo" yesterday evening.

As a result of a consultation at 1 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon among officials of the Special Municipality a written protest will be sent to the French Municipal Council, the paper said.

Bombing of Hangchow Said Untrue

Chinese claims, emanating from Chungking, that Chinese planes had recently bombed the Japanese military aerodrome at Hangchow, were emphatically denied by a Japanese army spokesman in Shanghai yesterday evening.

Inquiries made with the Japanese command at Hangchow had elicited the reply that "not only the aerodrome had not been bombed, but that Chinese aeroplanes had not even been seen in the Hangchow area these several months," the spokesman declared.

PERSONAL NOTES

Sailing for Manila in the Empress of Russia were Mrs. E. C. Richards, Mr. H. C. Evangelista, Mr. W. Gass, the Rev. J. J. Douglas, Mr. J. Reiner, Mrs. V. B. Crawford, Mr. F. Simonsen, and Mr. J. Katz.

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Among the passengers sailing yesterday morning in the Canadian Pacific liner, Empress of Russia, for Hongkong were: Dr. J. E. Baker of the China International Famine Relief Commission; Mr. H. J. Mackenzie of the Export Sales Co., Vancouver; Mr. H. R. MacMillan, President of the MacMillan Export Co., Vancouver; Miss Jean MacMillan, Mr. G. G. Beaty, Texas Co., Mr. K. F. Langer, Major S. S. Apleyard and Mr. A. Caplan.

Minor Incidents on Garden Bridge

Three Japanese Civilians Removed by Scots Sentry; Consular Police Involved

Three incidents, all of a minor character it was stressed yesterday evening by police officials, occurred on Garden Bridge yesterday afternoon, members of the Seaforth Highlanders guard situtated on the bridge being concerned in two of the incidents and a British civilian in the other one. Also involved were Japanese civilians and Consular Policemen.

The first incident occurred at 3.30 p.m. when a Seaforth sentry had trouble in attempting to remove three Japanese civilians from the vicinity of his box where they had been standing in spite of his orders to move on.

According to an eye-witness of the incident the three Japanese were behaving suspiciously round the box whereupon the sentry asked them to move on. They they did not do with the result that he went towards them and a struggle ensued during which an umbrella belonging to one of the men was broken at the stem.

With the assistance of a C.P.C. of the Shanghai Municipal Police and a Japanese sergeant the men eventually were removed from the vicinity by the sentry. Later the Japanese civilian whose umbrella had been broken lodged a complaint with the S.M.P. The fact was stressed that no interference was attempted by Japanese Consular policemen in the bridge or by the Japanese sentries.

Stopped by Highlander

While walking across the bridge on the west side at about 4.55 p.m. a British civilian named Fabian was seized by two Japanese policemen and marched across the road to the east side. No complaint was lodged by Mr. Fabian against this action, although the matter was reported to S.M.P. members on duty in the vicinity immediately after the occurrence.

In the third incident, which happened five minutes later, a Chinese coolie crossing the bridge from Hongkew, failed to stop at the Japanese sentry boxes and proceeded on his way to the Bund side. A Japanese Consular policeman immediately gave chase but was prevented from passing the Seaforth box by the sentry who stepped in his path and made him turn back. Meanwhile the coolie had run away.

It was not known last night whether any protests had been made regarding the incidents with the Japanese civilians and the Consular policemen, but it is believed that no such action will be taken by either of the parties concerned.

Car Blaze Extinguished By Fire Brigade

Fire engines from Central Station did not make a long trip at about 1.30 p.m. yesterday, when a call reached them from the Metropole Hotel in front of which a private motor-car, bearing licence number 7577, was in flames.

When the firemen arrived, they found that the engine had caught fire as a result of overheating and the flames were put out in less than ten minutes, whilst huge crowds of office-goers were interested spectators. The paint on the front part of the car was also slightly scorched.

THE STAGE

"Room for Two"

Robert Brodon	Kenneth Mackenzie
Mary	Phil Tweedlie
Clare Brodon	Dallas Lee Franklin
Hubert Crone	Ian Anderson
Hilda Westby	Oonagh Squires
Henry Westby	Ernest Baker
Hotel Manager	Robert Stuart
Porter	George Spunt
Maid	Priscilla Pote-Hunt
Waiter	Robert Weiss
Detective	Guillaume Widmer

There was a very full house at the Lyceum Theatre last night to witness the first performance of the A.D.C's latest production "Room for Two," which kept the audience in roars of laughter. On the subject of the choice of play there is a great deal which could be said, but this shall be, if adventures with the Attic salt are to be the order of the day, why palter about it, when there are the rich fruity realms of Wycherley still to be explored? Recent criticisms of the selection of plays seems to have done nothing more than encourage greater daring, and short of "The Country Wife" there seems to be little more suggestive that could have been chosen.

Apart from that the play was produced well up to the usual standard of the Club's recent productions. The settings of Lena Tavella were indeed beautiful, particularly that of the second and third acts, and the dressing was excellent. In the bedroom scene there was a lighting fault which permitted the inordinately strong light at the side of the bed to inconvenience the eyes of the audience. Francis Gmehling added further laurels to his reputation as a producer and is to be congratulated on the manner in which he had trained his cast. Dallas Lee Franklin sustained the lead in fine style, and acted pleasingly throughout, though she would be well advised on future occasions to endeavour to get rather more light and shade into her voice, which hovered too much about the monotone. Oonagh Squires was an admirable foil and filled her part well nigh to perfection, giving a performance which was remarkably good for an amateur, while Phil Tweedlie, and Priscilla Pote-Hunt played minor roles as maids most efficiently. Amongst the men Kenneth Mackenzie and Ian Anderson were excellent, the fooling of both being not only effective but most amusing. Mr. Anderson in the disguise of a lady's maid was responsible for much of the humour of the play. Mr. Baker had a somewhat smaller part but managed to get the most out of it, and earned applause on his exits which is becoming a feature of his appearances, while Mr. Stuart as the hotel manager showed possession of ample talent of which more use could be made with advantage. Messrs. Spunt, Weiss and Widmer sketched in smaller rôles in good style and helped to round out as well balanced a cast as has been seen for quite some time past. The play is undoubtedly amusing in that particular type of humour, and should prove a success, though the second act is somewhat wearisome by reason of too much seeming repetition.—R.T.P.-G.

General List Promoted

Berlin, Apr. 18.

General List, Commander-in-Chief of the Fifth Army Corps, has been promoted to the rank of Colonel-General for services in Austria. This is the first time that the chief of a German army corps has been promoted to the rank of Colonel-General. Two other Colonel-Generals of the German Army are Colonel-General von Brauchitsch, Commander-in-Chief of the German Army, and Colonel-General Wilhelm von Keitel, Chief of the Supreme Command of the German armed forces. These three Colonel-Generals hold the highest rank in the German Army with the exception of Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, Chief of the German Air Force, and Grand Admiral Ernst Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the German Navy, which is equivalent to the rank of Field-Marshal.—Trans-Ocean.

Honolulu Clipper At Manila

Manila, Apr. 18.

The Honolulu Clipper arrived here at 2.29 p.m. today and will leave for Hongkong tomorrow. The China Clipper is due here on April 25. The Philippine Clipper is en route to Wake from Guam. The California Clipper arrived in San Francisco today. The next air mail for the United States closes here at 7 p.m. on April 21.—United Press.

Mr. Menzies Succeeds Late Mr. Lyons

Canberra, Apr. 18.

Mr. R. G. Menzies, former Attorney General, was elected leader of the United Australia Party today. He has, accordingly, become the prospective Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, in succession to the late Mr. Joseph Lyons, who died on April 8. Mr. Menzies defeated the war-time Prime Minister, Mr. W. M. Hughes, by a small majority.—Reuter.

Japanese Occupy Kuling After Gruelling Battle

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kilometres south-east of Nanchang, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, according to reports reaching here last night.

Landing at Heichu village on the south bank of the Wu River, 28 kilometres south-east of Nanchang, at midnight on April 16, the Japanese units engaged troops of the Chinese Fifth Reserve Division along a line extending to the north shore of Fangchi Lake. No casualties were suffered by the Japanese in the encounter, but 60 Chinese prisoners were taken.

Continuing their advance, the Japanese forces at bayonet-point attacked 1,000 Chinese hidden in swamps on the north shore of Fangchi Lake at noon yesterday, killing 400 and taking 20 prisoners, according to the field reports. The Chinese fled to the south shore of the lake.

Japanese booty included 39 rifles and 5,000 rounds of rifle ammunition. —Domei.

Encirclement Movement In South China

Japanese Try to Trap Body Of Chinese Troops

Canton, Apr. 10.

Japanese forces operating northwest of Tsengcheng, east of Canton, started an encircling movement around a large number of Chinese troops in the sector yesterday morning, according to a communique issued by the press section of the Japanese. Expeditionary Force to South China today.

The widespread manœuvre was undertaken in the midst of a heavy rain storm on muddy terrain and severe fighting was going on as the Japanese tightened their lines, the statement said.

The Chinese being trapped in the area were said to be threatened with annihilation. More than 1,000 bodies of Chinese soldiers have been found, according to the communique. The Japanese have taken a large quantity of booty.—Domei.

Downed Eurasia Plane Located

Lone Chinese Passenger Reported Safe

Chungking, Apr. 18.

The German pilot of the Eurasia 'plane, who was injured when his machine was brought down by Japanese 'planes on April 13 at Laokai, is expected to reach Kunming today, according to a Chinese report. There was only one passenger, who was a Chinese, in the 'plane, the report states, and he is safe.

A relief 'plane located the ill-fated machine eighty kilometres from Laokai, in the country, it continues, but as there was no emergency airfield in the vicinity, it was unable to land. It flew to Kunming, however, and reported the discovery.

Damage to the 'plane and also details of the attack must await the report of the German pilot on his arrival in Kunming.

The Eurasia 'plane, which was damaged during the Japanese raid on Kunming on April 8, according to the Chinese report, has been sent to Hongkong for repairs.—Reuter.

Chinese Successes Due To Surprise

Attackers Entered Kaifeng And Tunghsu

Chungking, Apr. 18.

"The success of the Chinese attacks at Kaifeng and Tunghsu was due to the element of surprise, and also to the fighting quality of the Chinese troops," declared the Chinese military spokesman at this afternoon's press conference.

He stated that only small bodies of Chinese troops participated in the engagements and claimed that 2,000 Chinese troops attacked Kaifeng, twice entering the city.

Only 1,000 Chinese troops attacked Tunghsu, south of Kaifeng, according to the spokesman, who stated that they succeeded in entering the city once.—Reuter.

Council of Ministers Meets in Paris

French Defence Measures Reported by Premier

Paris, Apr. 18.

The Council of Ministers met here at 10 a.m. today.

The Premier, M. Edouard Daladier, made a report on the general situation, and outlined the precautionary measures considered necessary at present.

Several decree laws were signed by President Albert Lebrun. The decree laws dealt with supplies of war material, telegraphic and wireless communications, an increase in the power of the Tunis wireless station, the distribution of gas masks, and several other questions.—Havas.

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Communist Leaflet Repudiated

Alleged to Be Forgery by Japan and "Traitors" to Chinese Cause

Chungking, Apr. 18.

"Neither the Central Committee nor any local organization of the Chinese Communist Party has any connection with the distribution of a leaflet in Shanghai, criticizing the British and French attitude in China and threatening a break between the Communists and the Kuomintang unless an anti-British and anti-French front is formed."

This denial was made by the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party in an exclusive statement to Reuter. The statement described the leaflet as "ridiculous and absurd".

The contents were said to be entirely contradictory to the policy of the Chinese Communist Party, "which aims at a united front in China's resistance against Japan." The basic policy of the Chinese Communist Party, the statement declares, has two aims:

Basic Policy

"1—With co-operation between the Kuomintang and the Chinese Communist Party as a foundation for the establishment of a united front for resistance against Japan, to drive the Japanese out of China, and to establish an independent, free and prosperous new China.

"2—To secure the co-operation of all countries sympathetic with the Chinese nation, particularly Great Britain, the United States, France and Soviet Russia."

"It is clear," the statement continues, "that the contents of the leaflet do not represent the views of the Chinese Communist Party, but those of Japan and of Chinese traitors.

"The Central Committee of the Chinese Communist party wishes to point out the recent anti-British movement inspired by Japan in the 'occupied areas'. These leaflets distributed in Shanghai, indicate a Japanese attempt to arouse the enmity of Great Britain and France towards Chinese resistance; but we are confident that the British and French Governments will clearly see through such methods.

"Meanwhile," the statement concludes, "attempts to create internal dissension among the Chinese, and ill-feeling between the Kuomintang and the Chinese Communist Party, are bound to fail."—Reuter.

Serbs and Croats Come To New Agreement

Croats Given Autonomy Within Yugoslavia

Budapest, Apr. 18.

The agreement about to be concluded between the Serbs and Croats will, according to press reports from Belgrade, provide for the administrative union of Sava Banat with the maritime Sava Banat, thus creating a homogeneous Croat Banat with a population of 4,500,000 which will enjoy complete autonomy within the framework of the existing Yugoslav constitution.

Dispatches both from Belgrade and Zagreb state that agreement has already been reached in principle between the government and the Croat leader, M. Vladimir Matchek, but that the bill incorporating the terms of the agreement will be steered through parliament by a new Coalition Cabinet formed of representatives of the present Government Party and the Croatian Peasants Party.

These reports stress the intense interest with which all Yugoslavia is awaiting the conclusion of negotiations, which will mark the commencement of a new epoch in the history of the country.—Trans-Ocean.

Hungarian Statesmen Arrive in Rome

Rome, Apr. 18.

The Hungarian Premier, Count Paul Teleki, and the Foreign Minister, Count Stephen Csaky, arrived here this morning on their official visit.—Havas.

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U.S. Supreme Court On Strecker Case

Communist Affiliation Issue Not Yet Decided

Washington, Apr. 18.

The Supreme Court returned its long-awaited decision in the famous Strecker Case yesterday, but failed to settle the question whether non-naturalized aliens who advocate the overthrow of the United States Government can be deported.

The Court ruled that the Federal law does not authorize the deportation of non-naturalized aliens who belonged to an organization advocating the overthrow of the Government if they no longer are members of the organization.

The opinion was rendered in the case of Mr. Joseph George Strecker, Austrian restaurant proprietor of Hot Springs, Arkansas, who had been ordered deported on grounds of admitted former membership in the Communist Party of the United States. The decision was expected to be of vital consequence on the long-standing controversy over Mr. Harry Bridges, non-naturalized Australian-born West Coast union leader. Repeated demands have been made for the deportation of Mr. Bridges on grounds of Communist Party membership.

It appears that the question of whether Mr. Bridges, is liable to deportation, if proved a member of the Communist Party, must still be subject to court determination.

Apparently the answer will hinge on whether the Communist Party advocates the violent overthrow of the United States Government and whether Mr. Bridges at present, or upon entry into the country, belonged to the Communist Party.—United Press.

Gen. Wu Te-chen Arrives In Hongkong

Hongkong, Apr. 18.

Speculation regarding the future of Gen. Wu Te-chen, former Mayor of Shanghai and Governor of Kwangtung at the time of the Japanese occupation of Canton last October, was revived here today when General Wu arrived unexpectedly in the Colony from Chungking, supposedly in order to take up permanent residence here.

It is reliably learned that Madame Chiang Kai-shek, who has been here for several weeks, returned to Chungking by air on Monday evening.—Trans-Ocean.

Italians Protest to Bengal Government

Calcutta, Apr. 18.

The Italian Consul General protested to the Bengal Government yesterday after a flag on the Italian Consulate in Calcutta had been damaged with a scissors by an unknown woman Sunday evening.—United Press.

Tokyo Settles French Loan Issue

City of Osaka Bonds Also To Be Repaid

Tokyo, Apr. 17.

The Tokyo Municipal Council, at a plenary session this afternoon, approved a Protocol providing for the settlement of the long pending French loan issue, arranged between Mr. Kobashi, retiring Mayor of Tokyo, and M. Fernand Pila, the former French Ambassador in Tokyo.

The Municipal Council also approved two Bills providing for the flotation of domestic bonds necessary for the readjustment of the French loans.

The protocol which was unanimously approved by the Municipal Council, provides for the payment in French currency of matured interest coupons, and the principal of the winning lottery loans.

The Tokyo Municipality will issue new securities, the face value of which will be 707.75 francs. These will be exchanged with those who hold either matured securities, or interest coupons, at the rate of 40 interest coupons, or one matured security, for each new security, which will be redeemable in 25 years, and will bear 5 per cent. interest per annum. —Reuter.

Osaka Bonds to Be Repaid

London, Apr. 18.

The London office of the Yokohama Specie Bank announces the repayment on May 1 of the City of Osaka five per cent. bonds maturing on that date.

The "News-Chronicle," which is the only newspaper to comment on the announcement, says repayment of the bonds may help Japan's credit, which at present needs all the help it can get.—Reuter.

Duke, Duchess of Kent Postpone Visit

Governor of Ulster Asks For Postponement

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Apr. 18.

The projected visit of the Duke and Duchess of Kent to Northern Ireland has been postponed indefinitely.

A notice issued from the official residence of the Duke of Abercorn states that, at the request of the Government of Northern Ireland, the Governor has informed the Duke that it would be preferable if the visit of Their Royal Highnesses "did not take place this year."

The Duke, it is stated, kindly acquiesced, and expressed the hope that he might be enabled to pay a State Visit to Northern Ireland upon his return from Australia. The Duke and Duchess of Kent are to leave for Australia in the second week of October.—Reuter.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

THE Needlecraft Section of the British Women's Association wish to advise that 72 won the raffle of the shawl. The doll's nursery set will be drawn for on May 1.

BOOKING for the gala performances in aid of the Jewish Refugee Children, on May 16 and 17, will open at Moutrie's and the Lyceum Theatre on May 1. No priority booking will be permitted.

IN yesterday's issue of the "North-China Daily News" reference was made to potential building sites in "New Shanghai" bordering Hongkew Creek; this should have been Woosung Creek.

MR. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, attended a requiem mass at Westminster Cathedral on Monday morning for the Australian Premier, Mr. Joseph Lyons. The King was represented by the Duke of Kent.

D.K.K. STEAMER, ss. Dairen Maru having been held up by dense fog outside of Woosung will arrive at 7 a.m. today and will sail for Tsingtao and Dairen at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

"LOCAL Foundation Research" will be the subject of the talk to be given to the Rotary Club, this week, by Mr. J. B. Watson, Chief Civil Engineer of the S.M.C. The meeting will be held Thursday at 12.15 p.m. at the Metropole Hotel, 1st Floor.

MRS. E. B. Macnaghten sailed yesterday morning on the Empress of Russia for Hongkong where she will spend a few days before joining Brig.-General Macnaghten en route to England. Brig.-General Macnaghten is leaving Shanghai on April 25 in the ss. Canton.

MR. I. Spilwanek, Counsellor of the Soviet Embassy in China and concurrently Soviet Consul-General in Shanghai, who recently returned to Shanghai after having been stationed in Peiping for more than a year, has left for Moscow on home leave, travelling via Japan and Vladivostok. He is expected to return in the autumn.

DURING the past two days another contingent of over 200,000 people was evacuated from Chungking to the suburban areas, says a report to the "Sin Wan Pao." All the other Government administrative offices, except those of the Executive Yuan, the Ministry of War, the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, have been removed to the outlying areas of Chungking, the report adds.

SUBSCRIBERS and friends of The Lester Chinese hospital are reminded of the annual meeting of subscribers, which will take place today at 5.30 p.m. at the Hospital Building, 145 Shantung Road. Sir Robert Calder-Marshall, K.B.E., will take the chair. The Hospital itself will be open to visitors from 4.30 p.m. until the meeting, during which period refreshments will be served.

THE importation of summer cotton material made of hemp, from the Chinese-controlled areas into Shanghai, is now permitted by the Ministry of Economics following petitions from the City Chamber of Commerce, says a report to the "Sin Wan Pao." The Ministry of Finance has now requested the Chekiang Chinese Customs authorities that permission be granted for such exports to Shanghai, the report adds.

THE local Post Office announces that a new air mail service has been inaugurated between Shanghai and Hankow. For the time being, only ordinary and registered letters and postcards are accepted for conveyance by the above service. The air mail fee to be charged in addition to the ordinary postage and the registration fee, if the article is registered, is fixed at 25 cents per unit of 20 grammes or fraction thereof for letters and 15 cents per postcard.

THE capital of the Government alcohol distillery which has been set up in Szechuen province under the joint auspices of the Ministry of Economic and the Szechuen Commission of Reconstruction, has now been increased from $200,000 to $1,000,000, says a report to the "Sin Wan Pao." The distillery, the report adds, has been manufacturing alcohol to be used as a substitute for gasoline. Although the cost of production is comparatively higher, the product is still cheaper in comparison with gasoline.

ART lovers should not fail to visit the exhibition of interesting paintings now being shown by Mr. N. L. Koschevsky at the rooms of the Shanghai Art Collectors Society at 55 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, corner of Yuen Ming Yuen and Peking Roads. The exhibition will last for four days, commencing from today, and includes landscapes, Chinese types, life and portraits. Mr. Koschevsky studied art in Paris and Amsterdam, where he acquired considerable reputation, some of his works being purchased by the art galleries in these two cities. For the past few years, however, he has been in Peking making an intensive study of eastern atmosphere and of Chinese types, both from the anatomical and psychological points of view.

Chinese Court Still Under Guard

Army and Police Precautions Increased

Despite the fact that Sunday is a holiday for local courts, the British military and Settlement police took special precautions last Sunday in and around the First Special District Court in North Chekiang Road and also in the branch office of the court in Weihaiwei Road. Although the authorities have been maintaining additonal guards in the court during the past few weeks because the new Greater Shanghai City Government had threatened to bring it under its control, last Sunday's precautionary measures were more strictly carried out than before.

Although no official reasons were mentioned, it was stated in Chinese circles that the original letter forwarded to the Shanghai Municipal Council by the mayor of the city regime in Kiangwan threatened to take over the court in three weeks. Last Sunday was said to be the last day of the three-week period and therefore the authorities took more precautions in order that the court would not suffer any molestation. Nothing untoward, however, had occurred.

Death of Pioneer Member of Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

Early Struggles of Institution Recalled by Passing of Mr. A. M. Townsend in London

FOLLOWING the death in London on Sunday of Mr. A. M. Townsend at the age of 92 there comes to an end a lifelong connection with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation—a connection which started when, as a young man in 1866, Mr. Townsend joined the Bank, then newly formed, as a clerk in its humble offices in London. From then until 1912 when he was appointed Senior Manager in London, Mr. Townsend travelled throughout the Far East and America in its service and saw its rapid growth from a very humble beginning to the vast institution it is today. News of his death was received in Shanghai by cable by his grandson, Mr. N. J. Stabb, who is also connected with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in this city. Mr. Stabb's father, Sir Newton Stabb, was a son-in-law of Mr. Townsend, and served under him in New York before becoming Chief Manager in Hongkong.

Born in 1847 at Searby, Lincolnshire, where his father was Vicar, Mr. Townsend was educated at Caistor Grammar School and at Merchant Taylors' School, which at that time, was situated in Suffolk Lane, Cannon St., London. At the age of 17 Mr. Townsend commenced his lengthy association with the banking business, being appointed to a cerkship in the Bradford (Yorks.) Branch of the Yorkshire Banking Co., of which his father was a shareholder. With a rare modesty that always distinguished his character, Mr. Townsend often related in later years how, as his education had not included writing, he was very nearly sent home as useless on account of his slow and inefficient penmanship. By dint of hard work and plucky perseverance (two characteristics which stood him in good stead in later years), however, he managed to pull through.

Two years were spent in the great woollen centre and then Mr. Townsend was nominated for a clerkship at the Westminster Bank in London. Only ten days, however, were spent by him in the employ of this famous banking institution before he was called to the Chief Manager's office where he was told that an appointment could be found for him in a newly established eastern bank. The new concern was none other than the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, whose offices at the time consisted of no more than two rooms on the third floor in Gresham House, Old Broad Street. Many years later Mr. Townsend was destined to return to London as an executive of this bank with his office in a magnificent building, vastly different from the humble rooms in which he first made acquaintance with the young and struggling institution.

Formed at Tiffin Party

"I rather squirmed at leaving so important an office as the Westminster Bank, and joining such a small one. . . .," Mr. Townsend has written of his reactions to the new position. In those days, however, there could have been little idea in his mind of the rapid development that was to follow the bank's inauguration. Sometime later he learned that in about 1866, after the failure of the Asiatic Bank, which left the unpopular Oriental Bank the only eastern bank in China, it was decided at a tiffin party in Hongkong to form a local bank under the name of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. And so there came into being that institution which was destined to grow into the vast concern that it is today.

From this period onwards his reminiscences become deeply interesting to those old China hands, who remember the country and its cities many years ago, and to the younger generation, who have no knowledge of the conditions which existed when Mr. Townsend first set foot in China in 1870, for in July of that year, together with another clerk named Greig, he was ordered out to Hongkong, being the first juniors sent from London.

Sailing from Liverpool in the Cunard liner, Scotia, a paddle steamer with sails, the couple travelled via America, arriving in New York to hear the news that war had been declared between France and Germany. Here Mr. Townsend had his first view of the great city which, later, was to become his home for many years. From San Francisco the voyage to Yokohama was completed and in this city Mr. Townsend found Mr. Thomas Jackson, then manager of the bank's branch in the port. It is interesting to note that at the time of his arrival an English Regiment was stationed in Yokohama with barracks on the Bluff. A recent transfer from Hankow, Mr. Jackson had named his new home in Japan "The Hankow Hotel" and staying with him at the time of Mr. Townsend's arrival were Mr. and Mrs. Beavis from Hankow, both being well-known to many of the older generation.

Muddy Bund

On arrival at Hongkong the two young men were met by the Chief Manager and the Chairman of the Board of Directors. In Hongkong, however, Mr. Townsend only remained for six weeks under Mr. James Greig, before receiving orders to travel to Shanghai, a picnic being held at the Governor's Bungalow, then the only building on the Peak.

"On arriving at Shanghai," Mr. Townsend has written, "I was landed on the rather muddy frontage of the Bund in a sampan. When I left London an old resident advised me to provide myself with high rubber boots on account of the mud on the Bund; but it was not as bad as that, though very different from the condition today." Joining the Mess, then stationed in poor quarters in Hongkew, having given up a better house outside the Settlement owing to native troubles, he spent his first early days in Shanghai. The manager of the Bank at this period was Mr. David MacLean, who has been described by Mr. Townsend as "Scotch, shy, silent, but very kind-hearted and able." At this time the Bank occupied an old hong at the corner of Nanking Road and the Bund and as it was surrounded in summer with a bamboo and mat verandah, it was aptly named the "mat shed."

Another of Mr. Townsend's recollections was the bringing out locally by the Bank of the first loan in Chinese taels, the brokers in the city being much interested, with the result that they persuaded a particular friend of MacLean's to go in and get full particulars from him. When he returned that they asked him what he had said and back came the reply "He did not say a word. Just looked like a d.... fool." William Murray, a Scotsman of a different type was Accountant at this period Mr. Townsend has recollected.

Among the people working with Mr. Townsend at this period were Mr. John Walter, later to become the Chief Manager at Hongkong. After one year in Shanghai Mr. Townsend was posted to Bombay, only to return to the port nine months later to take Mr. Murray's place as accountant. In March 1873 he was sent to Hankow to take Mr. Walter's place as agent and among his recollections which stand out clearly is the voyage up the Yangtze in an American steamer which, on account of low water, could not leave Hankow on the return journey for a week. Among his many friends in Hankow at the time were Mr. W. G. Gordon and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Giles, Arthur Hickling and many others remembered by the older generation in China.

Business in a Bad Way

By this time the Bank had opened offices in Hongkong, Shanghai, Singapore, Yokohama, Bombay and Calcutta and gradually in the small ports, the first Chief Manager being M. Victor Kresser, who was succeeded by James Greig and Thomas Jackson. In Shanghai Mr. MacLean was succeeded by Mr. Ewen Cameron from Calcutta and it is interesting to note that the Bank was then housed in the new building on the Bund. Business was in a bad way, however, and at the annual meeting there were cries of "Shame" when it became known that the furnishings for the new premises would cost £12,000. Owing to this Mr. Cameron decided to live with a friend connected with Russell & Co., whose hong was next door. Later Mr. Cameron was knighted, the same honour being bestowed on Mr. Thomas Jackson.

After being married in England Mr. Townsend was appointed as agent in Kobe in 1876 and life in that city was very pleasant and interesting, he has stated. One incident vividly remembered by him was the killing of a British sailor by a Japanese officer during the procession of some Japanese troops through the town. The sailors, according to Mr. Townsend, broke through the ranks of the Japanese and the officer fired at the sailor, killing him instantly. This man was condemned to death but later was permitted to commit harikari in the presence of his Regiment and the British Minister.

After a year in Kobe Mr. Townsend was transferred to Shanghai as submanager, later going to Yokohama to take charge there. In 1880, after a short holiday in England, he proceeded to New York, where he was stationed for twenty years and, in 1901, he was transferred to London as junior manager under Sir Ewen Cameron, later becoming Senior Manager, which post he held until 1912.

Health Situation Satisfactory

March Report Shows End Of Smallpox Epidemic: Typhus Absent

Apart from a slight increase in the cases of measles notified, communicable diseases in the International Settlement were quiescent to an unusual degree in March and smallpox ceased to be epidemic on the 13th. The figure of 2,806 Chinese deaths recorded represents a substantial decrease compared with the returns for both February and January, according to the monthly report of the Commissioner of Public Health.

Since the maximal incidence of cerebrospinal fever is normally in April, and the notifications for March show an increase over the previous month, it is possible that this disease may reach epidemic proportions, but apart from this possibility it does not appear likely that the health of the town will suffer unduly until the intestinal infections associated with summer temperatures reappear. Since overcrowding, as regards both Chinese and foreign populations, has increased recently, it may be said that for the present the health situation is satisfactory.

Typhus still remained comparatively absent. Whilst our bathing measures etc. may have affected this disease in camps, it is highly improbable that they had any effect on the general population, hence the absence of typhus may be ascribed to the generally better state of nutrition amongst the population possibly due to the increasing amount of work available in the factories which are springing up. In the delousing campaign during the month 5,000 persons were bathed and 31,000 articles were disinfected and 224 rooms cleansed and disinfected.

Work In Eastern District

The Department is not equipped to deal with a large typhus outbreak or to prevent it as this would require a large number of disinfecting plants.

The Eastern District shows a steady increase in population which has resulted in the necessity for greater concentration in that neighbourhood. A large number of shops are coming up for licensing and some of the markets are really becoming quite busy. The usual preparations for mosquito control were carried out and it is interesting to note that anophelæ were found breeding in ponds which will receive treatment. Preliminary measures in regard to an anti-fly campaign were also inaugurated during the month.

Vital Statistics

Foreign Births.—89 foreign births were recorded including 83 residents of the International Settlement (47 males and 36 females) and the rate was 25.06 per mille. Of the 83 resident births, 59 were Japanese. Chinese Births.—1,305 Chinese births were recorded. Of these, 1,166 were residents (660 males and 506 females).

Foreign Deaths.—There were 47 deaths among the foreign community, of these 29 were non-Chinese Asiatics (24 Japanese, 4 Indians and 1 Filipino). Death rate was 14.19 per mille. The death rate for communicable diseases was 3.92 per mille. The major causes of death were pneumonia, tuberculosis, violence and accidents. Chinese Deaths.—Chinese death recorded were 2,806 as against 3,557 in February. 320 deaths were due to communicable diseases. The major causes of death were tuberculosis, pneumonia, bronchitis and accidents. 1,835 of the Chinese deaths were exposed corpses.

Communicable Diseases.—Smallpox decreased rapidly and on March 13 it was declared to be no longer epidemic in the International Settlement. 57 cases with 25 deaths were notified as against 131 cases with 66 deaths in February. From the beginning of the epidemic at the end of October 1938 to March 31, 1939 a total of 155 foreign and 1,832 Chinese cases were notified in the International Settlement, with 23 and 746 deaths respectively. Notifications of measles and epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis increased over the previous month. Of the latter disease 75 cases with 29 deaths were notified (34 cases with seven deaths were notified in February).

Food Prices Show Little Increase

Rice Only Commodity Subject to Change

Food prices for Shanghai's milions remained fairly steady during the month of March, and supplies were of sufficient quantity to meet an increased demand with the exception of rice. This important commodity is being sold at prices considerably higher than those prevailing during the previous month.

The number of pigs imported into the city during March was 48,496 as compared with 47,964 for the preceding month and 29,316 for the corresponding month of 1938. Inspection of 426 ships was carried out, representing an increase of 95 over the number of inspections made during February. Pigs dead on arrival amounted to only .52 per cent. of the total number of animals imported as compared with .88 per cent. for the preceeding month.

U.S.S. Astoria Said to Be Coming Here

The U.S.S. Astoria, which arrived at Yokohama on Monday morning carrying the ashes of the late Mr. Hirosi Saito, former Japanese Ambassador to Washington, will call at Shanghai on April 29 on its way to the United States, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported yesterday.

She will moor at Buoys 3 and 4, reserved for her by the Japanese Navy, which has altered its own schedules for the purpose.

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Foreign Powers Warned Not To Aid General Chiang

Japanese War Minister Appeals for Better Understanding of Tokyo's Intentions

Tokyo, Apr. 18.

WORLD Powers should "reconsider" their attitude towards China in the light of "the new state of affairs in East Asia," the War Minister, Gen. Seishiro Itagaki, told reporters on his way back to Tokyo yesterday.

"It goes without saying that Japan is not trying to destroy her amicable relations with third party Powers, but I am sure that enlightened statesmen are aware what sentiments the people of Japan are harbouring towards those interfering with the establishment of a new order in East Asia, a task which they have set upon with great determination and unity," Lieut.-Gen. Itagaki said.

"It is clear that Gen. Chiang Kai-shek cannot continue the hostilities without the assistance of third party Powers," he added.

The War Minister's interview attracted widespread attention as it was the first statement of opinion coming from army sources since the adjournment of the Diet in March. He reviewed at length not only the situation in Asia but also conditions in Europe.

Japanese front line units, the War Minister went on, noted with "deep regret" that evidences of third party Power assistance to China were still being uncovered. These troops, he added, were "strenuously avoiding useless conflicts with third Powers, by extending their protection to the lives and the property of third party nationals, despite the strategical disadvantages attendant upon such solicitude."

Offensive Minimized

Lieut.-Gen. Itagaki minimized the effects of the much-publicized Chinese "April offensive," which, he said, was being launched "perfunctorily to satisfy Chiang Kai-shek."

The Chinese forces, the War Minister asserted, showed little fighting spirit "as they are amply aware that an attack on the Japanese means that they will be wiped out."

"But they are continuing their stubborn resistance because of the assistance extended to them by third party Powers, who are deliberately disturbing the peace of East Asia," he said.

Japan has not yet decided whether or not the Yangtze River should be reopened, the War Minister said. The question, he stated, should be solved from the independent standpoint of Japan.

The welfare of the Chinese people and the development of the interior made it desirable and necessary to give full access to areas under Japanese occupation in keeping with the progress of reconstruction work and the promotion of economic activities, the War Minister continued.

Artery for Supplies

However, since the areas along the Yangtze River formed "the principal and only arteries for the supply of provisions for the Japanese forces," Gen. Itagaki said, "there should never be any obstruction there tending to hamper such facilities."

"As for the conversations between Sir Robert Craigie and Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, for my part, I have neither interest nor concern in them," he stated.

"It is a matter for gratification that with the establishment of the Asia Development Board the first step has already been taken in really constructive enterprises. According to latest reports, peace and order in North and Central China are being speedily restored.

"Although many people wondered when peace and order would be restored in the Peiping-Hankow and Tientsin-Pukow Railways areas, no bandits can be seen in even the remotest parts of Hopei and Shantung. Such outstanding results are due indeed to the strenuous efforts of Japanese officers and men at the front.

"The problem of the establishment of a central régime in China is not an urgent one," continued the War Minister. "The future situation in China will, of itself, develop concrete aspects in the summer or autumn in direct relation to the progress of mopping-up operations in Japanese-occupied areas and the reinforcement of new régimes.

"It is necessary to establish liaison organizations to co-ordinate programmes for the increase of productive power and the mobilization of commodities of Japan, Manchoukuo, and China. The army is now studying the question of relations between the Board of Manchurian Affairs, the Asia Development Board, and the National Planning Board.

"In view of the current situation, it may be that the National Mobilization Law may be gradually enforced. We find it necessary firmly to establish the leadership of the Premier so as to reinforce the administrative phases for the enforcement of the law. It seems to me that this does not infringe on the Constitution," the War Minister went on.

"The reinforcement and expansion of the National Planning Board is regarded by the Cabinet as necessary. Required measures are now being investigated.

"The European situation is both complicated and ominous, which is due, I think, to the fact that the countries are in unnatural geographic conditions, leading to a lack of balance in power among the states. Therefore, Germany and Italy, which are making an effort to establish a new order, command our greatest respect," the War Minister concluded. —Domei.

British Exports on Upgrade Again

First Quarter of 1939 Shows Decrease; March Results Reverse Trend

London, Apr. 17.

British overseas trade showed encouraging improvement in March when imports totalled £77,976,374, an increase of £12,460,862 as compared to February. Exports totalled £41,634,577, an increase of £3,582,316 as compared to figures for the same month. Compared with March of last year, however the imports and exports showed decreases of £6,877,275 and £520,796 respectively.

United Kingdom exports in March were valued at £41,634,577, compared with £42,155,373 a year ago. Imports amounted to £77,976,374, against £84,853,649, and re-exports to £4,923,288, against £5,468,269.

The figures for the first quarter of this year were: Imports £217,543,318—a decrease of £26,841,727, as compared with the same period of the last year, and of £11,399,275, against the same period of 1937.

Exports were valued at £119,129,085—a decrease of £1,740,854, as compared with the last year, and of £1,991,531, against 1937.

Re-exports totalling £14,284,658, show a decrease of £1,507,834, as compared with the last year, and of £4,468,177, against 1937.

Specific Losses Shown

The fall of £1,740,854 in exports for the first quarter of 1939, as compared with the same period of the last year, was entirely accounted for by manufactured goods, for which there was a decline of £2,913,714, offset by an increase in food, drinks and tobacco.

The largest single item of the decrease was iron and steel and their manufactures, totalling £2,959,674, and next came cotton yarns and manufactures, amounting to £1,585,373.

Coal showed a fall of £409,708, although there was an increase of £959,876, as compared with 1937.

Among manufactured goods, which showed an increase, were vehicles, including locomotives, ships and aircraft, revealing a rise of £2,941,447, against the first three months of 1938. —Wireless and Reuter.

Ship's Crew Make Gifts To Japanese Forces

Coffee, Tea, Sugar, Fruit Given to Troops

Intended as gifts to Japanese fighting forces on the China fronts, large quantities of coffee from Brazil, tea from Ceylon, sugar, pineapples and other tropical products were presented by the officers and crew of the O.S.K. freighter Atlas Maru when it arrived at the Yangtszepoo Wharf on Monday from a voyage to West Africa and Brazil, the "Tairiku Shimpo" reported yesterday.

At the suggestion of Capt. Eiichi Sanada and Mr. Moriichi Nonaka, chief officer, the crew of the freighter decided to donate the presents, which they were planning to take to their homes in Japan, to the Japanese troops at the front, the daily stated.

They also intend to donate Y.200 to the army and navy national defence fund upon their arrival in Japan, according to the daily.

New Belgian Cabinet Reshuffle Due

Brussels, Apr. 17.

A new Belgian Cabinet was made necessary today as the Socialist Party refused to agree to Socialist participation in M. Hubert Pierlot's Government. Socialist Ministers who had already agreed to accept portfolios offered them therefore informed M. Pierlot this evening that they could not remain in the Cabinet. M. Pierlot will soon form a new Government, calling upon only Catholics and Liberals, it was understood tonight. —Havas.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Yesterday's Wedding at the Cathedral

Yesterday afternoon the wedding took place at Holy Trinity Cathedral of Mr. Charles Thomas Evans, of Messrs. Boyd & Co., Ltd., Amoy, and Miss Audrey Greenfield, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Greenfield of Shanghai. The matrons of honour were the bride's sisters, Mrs. Coutts and Mrs. P. E. Smith, and the bridesmaids were the Misses Betty Weeks and Betty Harrop, the page and flower girl being Andrew Maitland and Theresa Calcina. Mr. R. A. Joscelyne was best man and the ushers were Messrs. J. N. Greenfield, P. Hamilton and P. E. Smith.

WEDDING

Evans-Greenfield

The wedding took place yesterday afternoon at Holy Trinity Cathedral of Mr. Charles Thomas Evans, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Evans, of Portsmouth, England, and Miss Audrey Victoria Frances Greenfield, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Greenfield of Shanghai. Dean Trivett officiated.

The Cathedral was fully decorated for the occasion with spring blossom, yellow freesias, narcissus, spiræa and white lilies.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white crêpe romaine, the corsage cut low in front and softened by pleating. Fitted sleeves came over the hands and were fastened with loops and buttons of the material, the full skirt extending into a long train on which were sprays of orange blossom. Her small round *moyen âge* cap of white latticed chiffon velvet was fastened to the head with sprays of orange blossoms and from it fell an eight-yard-long veil. She carried a bouquet of arum lilies and spiræa.

The matrons of honour were the bride's sisters, Mrs. Coutts and Mrs. P. E. Smith, and the bridesmaids were the Misses Betty Weeks and Betty Harrop. Their frocks were of turquoise blue georgette over taffeta, made with long flowing skirts and tied with narrow sashes of chiffon velvet, the matrons of honour having sleeveless bodices with folded yokes and small rounded collars high to the neck, the bridesmaids wearing accordion-pleated fichu-style corsages crossed and twisted in front to tie at the back, and accordion-pleated elbow sleeves. Their short circular veils were of embroidered turquoise net fastened with mauve-shaded forget-me-nots. Their flowers were shaded sweet peas. The small page and flower girl, Andrew Maitland and Theresa Calcina, were dressed in daffodil yellow crêpe de Chine, the little boy in a Romney blouse with a turquoise, blue velvet bow at the neck, and long trousers, the little girl in an ankle-length yoked frock with small puffed sleeves. Her round cup of turquoise latticed velvet was in the same style as the bride's. The best man was Mr. R. A. Joscelyne, and the ushers were Mr. J. N. Greenfield, Mr. P. Hamilton and Mr. P. E. Smith.

The bride's mother wore a gown of pervenche blue summer brocade made with a wide full-length skirt and three-quarter length sleeves. Her small straw hat matched her dress and from the back fell a very long veil. She carried a bouquet of tea roses.

After the ceremony, a reception held at 7 Route Henri Rivière, the residence of the bride's parents. The bride went away in a French blue cashmere jersey frock, the blouse trimmed with four pockets in white braiding. Over it she wore a full-length cape to match. Her big off-the-face hat was in shiny straw and her accessories were white. The honeymoon will be spent in Hongkong.

U.S. Marines Hold Exercises Today

Routine Training in American Sector

Residents of the American Defence Sector should not feel anxious if this morning they see groups of U.S. Marines engaging in miniature "warfare" along Connaught Road, West of Gordon Road. The leathernecks are merely going through routine exercises, the nature of which could not be ascertained last night.

Between 50 and 75 Marines are expected to take part in the exercises which are scheduled to commence at 8 a.m. and which will probably be over two hours later.

Death of Committee Members Denied

Reports of Kaifeng Murders Calls Groundless

Chinese reports that six members of the Pacification Committee of Kaifeng, in northern Honan, were slain by Chinese guerillas on April 9 were termed as "nonsense" by Mr. Naosuke Nakane, Japanese vice-Consul, upon his arrival here via Nanking on Monday morning from a visit to Kaifeng on April 9 and 10.

In refuting the reports, which had stated that Gen. Hu Yu-kun, Gen. Fu Shuang-ying, and Gen. Hung Hwai-kuo were among those slain, Mr. Nakane stated that he arrived in Kaifeng on April 9, the date when the alleged killings were said to have taken place. He said he called on the Committee and talked with its members the next day, April 10.

"Gen. Hu Yu-kun gave a dinner party for me on April 9, and Gen. Hu and I had a pleasant talk with each other," Mr. Nakane continued. "As for Gen. Hung Hwai-kuo, he had gone to Peiping, so how could he be killed in Kaifeng on that day?", the Japanese vice-Consul remarked.

Special Gifts Prepared For Their Majesties

U.S. and Canada Prepare For Royal Visit

Washington, Apr. 18.

Gifts for the King and Queen on their visit to Canada and the United States in May and June will include a special woollen fabric woven from the finest American fleeces and possibly two Indian arrowheads, reminiscent of a tribute once paid to Charles I by the first proprietors of the state of Maryland.

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Two Indian arrowheads were a tribute demanded of Cecilius Calvert, Baron of Baltimore, Maryland, as tribute to Charles I in 1683, as part of a land-grant agreement.

Under a resolution introduced in Maryland's general assembly, the State Governor, Mr. Herbert R. O'Connor, would be delegated to present the tribute to the King when he visits America.—Reuter.

Congratulations for Volunteer Corps

Chairman Praises Corps For Sunday Parade

Mr. C. S. Franklin, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, has sent the following letter to Col. Hornby, Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps:—

"On behalf of my colleagues on the Council and myself I wish to congratulate you and all ranks of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps on the very high standard of the Annual Parade of the Corps yesterday.

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But this success of insurance companies from their own point of view, stabilizing as it has been to business generally, is not all that was achieved. Policyholders, whose resources became less as one bad year succeeded another, found at the head and branch offices sympathetic consideration. There was generous advance of money to tide over bad periods or stave off the evil day when there would be no more revenue coming in. Generally, individuals wise enough to be well insured were able, with a little time, to find a way out of their difficulties; but without this financial help the prospect would have been black in many cases.

Insurance companies may well be proud of their record during the last decade. Not only did they keep their own flags flying mast-high, but they assisted innumerable Canadians to weather the storm. That has been a distinct public service. The service will not be forgotten by those who were helped by it, but it should be more definitely impressed on the public mind.

From an editorial in **"The Globe and Mail," Toronto, January 23, 1939.**

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8 1/32	"	15 31/32	"	June
8 3/32	"	15 31/32	"	July

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay, Rupee T. T. on: Apr. 17.

Japan	78½	London	1/5 29/32
New York	286¼	2 mths	
Shanghai	48	" (sellers)	1/5 31/32
Hongkong	84¼	" (buyers)	1/5 31/32

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	468.03	Berne	20.87
Paris	176.71	Shanghai	8 5/16 d N
Berlin	11.68½	Bombay	1/5 11/32
Amsterdam	8.81 5/8	Hongkong	1/2 3/4
Brussels	27.83	Singapore	2/3 5/8
Madrid	42.25	Yokohama	1/2
Milan	88.98	" (Buying)	Unq.

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.03	Japan	27.31
Spain	Unq.	Shanghai	16.18
Holland	53.08½	Austria	Unq.
Paris	2.66 7/8	C'slovakia	Unq.
Brussels	16.81½	Hungary	19.80
Italy	5.26¼	Rumania	0.72½
S'zerland	22.43	Yugo Slavia	2.30
Sweden	24.12½	Greece	0.86
Norway	23.52	Bulgaria	1.20
Denmark	20.89½	Finland	2.07
Montreal	99.475	Poland	18.85½
Brazil	5.50		

London

" Demand	4.67 1/8
" Bankers' 60 days bills	4.67 1/16
" Commercial 60 days bills	4.67 1/8
Buenos Aires Paper	29.03
Buenos Aires Paper, market rate	23.18
Montreal on London	4.70 5/8

—Reuter

Foreign Money Rates

London:	Apr. 17.	
Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1 5/8%
Bank Bills,	6 months	2 3/8%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	3 1/4%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3 3/4%
Call Money		0 1/2%

New York:	
Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0 1/2 %B 0 7/8 %A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 5/8 %B 0 1/2 %A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Apr. 17	Closing Prices a.m.	Closing Prices p.m.
Antamok	.315	.315
Atok	.295	.295
Balatoc	8.00	8.00
Batong Buhay	.015	.015
Benguet Consolidated	10.90	11.20
Big Wedge	.25	.255
Coco Grove	.315	.31
Demonstration	.125	.125
I X L	.51	.50
Masbate	.125	.12
North Camarines	.42	.42
Sam Mauricio	1.74	1.76
Surigao Con., Com.	.20	.19
Suyoc	.15	.15
United Paracale	.68	.69

Turnover 285,000 Pesos.
Shares Index: (Closing prices) 94.30.—Reuter.

Yangtsze Ins. Assocn. Dividend

At the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Yangtsze Insurance Associatoin, Ltd., to be held on Tuesday, May 9, at 11.30 a.m., the directors will recommend the payment of a dividend of $3.50 per share (unchanged) and a bonus dividend of $6.50 per share. (The bonus per share for 1937 was $1.00 and the increase in bonus is mainly due to the exchange factor). The directors will also recommend the payment of a bonus on contributory premium of 20 per cent. for the year 1938.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

Exceptionally quiet conditions prevailed with traders adopting a waiting attitude. This state of affairs appears likely to last for at least another 10 days when perhaps it may be possible to gauge more accurately the chances for success or failure of President Roosevelt's move.

Official Averages

1939 High	1939 Low		Today's Averages	Change
155.01	105.32	General	140.65	—0.28
152.40	95.55	Rubbers	141.63	unch.

Total 13,405 shares, 172 bonds.

Morning Session

17/4/39

$1,600	S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	$ 90.50

18/4/39

T4,200	China Realty 8% Debs.	T 55.00
100	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 20.00
2,000	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.90
500	New Eng. (Ord)	6.70
70	S'hai Power (Pref)	127.50
2,000	Yangtsze Finance	5.90
30	S. W. W. "A" £20	620.00
200	Wheelock	34.75
500	New Eng. (Ord)	6.65
500	Metal Ind. of China	5.80
200	Bakerite "B"	12.30
300	Wheelock	34.50

ODD LOTS

500	Tebong	$ 0.82
400	Millington	2.00
150	Metal Ind. of China	5.70
241	China Realty	0.82
100	S'hai Land	8.50

Afternoon Session

$5,000	S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	$ 90.50
$5,000	S. M. C. 5% Debs.	86.00
$1,000	S'hai Telephone 6% Debs.	95.00
T1,000	Asia Realty 6% Debs.	T 66.00
1,900	Ewo Mills (Ord)	$ 19.90
500	Yangtsze Finance	5.93
1,000	China Realty	0.83
200	Kaiping	24.75
500	S'hai Land	8.45
800	Wheelock	34.25
500	New Eng. (Ord)	6.60
200	Bakerite "B"	12.30

ODD LOTS

14	Wheelock	$ 34.75

London Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Apr. 17.

The London Stock Exchange today failed to share Wall Street's pre-weekend enthusiasm over President Roosevelt's peace drive, owing to the reception given to the Chief Executive's appeal by the dictator countries. Subsequently, the market turned quiet, with prices drifting down until news of the convocation of the Reichstag, which aroused hopes that Herr Hitler will not completely reject the peace move. Industrials were well supported, but Indian Irons exceptionally weakened, following the announcement that no interim dividend would be declared owing to the international situation.—Reuter.

	Apr. 14	17
War Loan 3½% (Red.)	£93¾	93¾

JAPANESE BONDS

Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	35	35
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	42	41½

Osaka, Apr. 18.

Kogo 5%	Yo103.96

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

Allied Ironfounders	18/-	18/-
Armstrong Stevens	7/6	7/6
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	37/1½	37/6
Austin Motors, ord.	29/7½	30/-
Bristol Aeroplane, ord.	20/7½	20/1½
British American Tob.	92/6	93/9
Cable & W., new form	41	41
Cammell Laird, ord.	7/7½	7/9
Courtaulds	23/9	24/6
Distillers	87/-	87/9
Dunlop Rubber	25/-	25/-
General Elec	75/7½	76/3
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	99/6	100/-
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	18/7½	18/4½
Imp. Chem. Indus.	27/7½	28/7½
Imp. Tobacco	125/-	126/10½
Leyland Motors	85/-	86/3
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	55/6	56/3
Pressed Steel, com.	15/6	15/10½
Rolls-Royce	100/-	100/-
Smethwick Drop	15/9	15/9
Tate & Lyle	57/9	58/6
Turner & Newall	74/4½	75/7½
United Steel	22/9	23/1½
Vickers, ord.	20/1½	20/6
Woolworths	58/-	58/3

MISCELLANEOUS

Anglo Dutch	23/3	23/1½
Rubber Pltn. Inv.	24/6	24/-

MINES

Burma Corp.	8/1½	8/3
Commonwealth Min.	1/-	1/-
Marsman Invest.	13/3	13/3
Randfontein Ests.	34/4½	33/9
Sub-Nigel	210/-	210/-
Tanami Gold Min.	3d.	3d.
Western Holdings	7/4½	7/6

OILS

Anglo Iranian	76/3	78/9
Burmah	75/7½	78/11½
Mexican Eagle	6/4½	6/6
Shell Trans. & Trad.	79/4½	81/3

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.

4½%	Gold Loan, 1898 £66	64
5%	Gold Bonds, 1925-47	63½ 62½
4½%	Anglo-French Loan	57½ 57½
5%	Crisp Loan, 1912	37 37
5%	Reorg. Loan, 1913	51½ 51
8%	Stg. Notes, 1925	17 17
6%	Honan Rly., 1905	22 22
5%	Hukuang Rly., 1913	22½ 22½
5%	" " (Ger. Is.)	20½ 20½
5%	Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	17½ 17½
5%	S'hai-Nanking Rly.	25½ 25½
5%	T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	17½ 17½
5%	" " G.	17½ 17½
5%	" " (Supl. Loan) B.	17½ 17½
5%	" " (Supl. Loan) G.	17½ 17½
5%	Canton-Kowloon Rly.	19½ 19½
	S'hai Elec. Construction	25/- N 25/- N
	S'hai Waterworks "A"	19½ N 19½ N
	Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	30½ 30½
	Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	7¾ 7¾
	H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	80½ 80
	" " (Col. Reg.)	82½ 82
	Chinese Eng. & Min.	16/8 16/6
	Chosen Corp.	6/-
	Pekin Syndicate	2/- N 2/- N
	Gula Kalumpong Rubber	16/3 16/3

N—Nominal.

British Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

London, Apr. 17.

Among commodities, jute early sagged, but later firmed up in response to firmer Calcutta advices.

London Rubber: Spot buyers 7 7/8 unc; sellers 8 +1/16; May del. buyers 7 7/8 unc; sellers 8 +1/16.

London Sugar (Buyers): May 6/10¼ +1; Aug. 6/8¾ +¾; Dec. 6/3 +½.

Liverpool Wheat (N.C.) May 4/2¾ +⅜; July 4/4⅝ +¼; Oct. 4/6½ +¼.

Liverpool Cotton: Amer. Futures: May 4.67 +4; July 4.45 +4; Oct. 4.33 +4; Jan. 4.35 +4; Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7) No. 2 Contract; May 6.57 +2; July 6.64 +3; Sept. 6.64 +3; Oct. 6.71 +2.

London Metals: Copper, Stan. Cash sellers £41 1/8 —⅛; 3 mths del. sellers £42 1/8 —⅜; Electrolytic buyers £48 +½; sellers £48½ unc. Tin, Stan. Cash sellers £217 +½; 3 mths del. sellers £214 5/8 +½; Lead, Foreign, official price, sellers £14 1/16 +¼; 3 mths del. sellers £14 1/16 +⅛; Spelter, Ordinary, official price, sellers £13 3/8 —⅛; 3 mths del. sellers £13 5/8 —⅛.—Reuter.

Berlin Bourse

Berlin, Apr. 17.

The share market today opened weak and closed, with hardly any actual business done, a little firmer after shortly before closing down the news of the calling in of the Reichstag for April 28 had become known. Manfeld gained 1.25 to 133.25, Continental Rubber lost 1 to 216 and North German Lloyd went down 1 to 57.5.

Call money stood at 1 to 2 per cent. —Trans-Ocean.

New York Stocks

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Apr. 17.

The failure of London to reflect the firm weekend closing of New York, influenced a sharp contraction in values at the opening of Wall Street today. However, reports of an agreement between Poland and Germany on the Danzig question brought about a rally on which losses were partially erased, but the action of the market was not impressive. Traders generally held aloof, probably due to the European shadow overhanging the market and poor domestic economic picture. The volume of trading was small, amounting to only 520,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Change
30 Indust.	128.01	126.15	127.34	—2.27
20 Rails	25.76	25.36	25.68	—0.47
15 Utilit.	22.31	21.95	22.18	—0.51
40 Bonds	—	—	87.87	—0.05
11 Commod.	—	—	46.99	+0.08

	Apr. 15	17
Adams Express	7½	7⅜
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	16⅞	16
Allied Stores	7⅝	7¼
Allis Chalmers	33⅛	31⅝
Amerada Corp.	53½	—
Amer. Can	88⅛	86¾
Amer. & For. Power	2¼	—
" " $7 pfd.	14¾	B 14
Amer. Gas & Elec.	35	34
Amer. Locomotive	18	17⅛
Amer. Metal	29⅝	28¼
Amer. Radiator	12⅜	12
Amer. Rolling Mill	14⅛	13⅜
Amer. Smelting	41¼	39¾
Amer. Sugar Refining	16¼	16¼
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	154¾	153½
Amer. Tobacco "B"	80	79⅞
Amer. Waterworks	9½	9
Anaconda Copper	23¾	23⅜
Atchison, T. & S. Fe	27¾	26¾
Auburn	—	23¾
Baltimore & Ohio	5⅜	5
Barber Asphalt Corp.	13⅜	12⅝
Barnsdall Oil Co.	14	13¾
Bendix Aviation	20⅝	20
Bethlehem Steel	57¾	57
Boeing Airplane Co.	21⅝	20¾
Borg Warner	22⅞	21¼
Briggs Mfg. Co.	20¼	19⅞
Bklyn-Manhattan Trans.	10⅞	10⅛
" $6 cum. pfd.	38	37⅜
Can. Pacific Rly.	4	3⅝
Case, J.I.	72	—
Celanese Corp.	16¾	16
Chase Nat. Bank	B 30¼	B 31½
Chesapeake & Ohio	32	30½
Chrysler	61¾	60¼
Columbia Gas & Elec.	6½	6
" 6% "A" pfd.	B 79⅜	B 81
Comi. Credit	43½	42⅞
Comm. & Southern (ord.)	1⅜	1¼
" $6 cum. pfd.	54¼	—
Consolid. Edison	30⅜	29⅜
Consolid. Oil	7⅝	7½
Continental Can	37	36¼
Continental Oil	23½	22¾
Corn Products	57¾	56⅞
Curtiss Wright (com.)	5⅜	5⅛
" " "A"	22¼	22
Deere & Co.	18⅛	17¾
Distillers Corp.	17	16
Douglas Aircraft	62	61
Du Pont de Nemours	139½	138
Eagle Picher Lead	9¼	8⅝
Eaton Manufacturing Co.	20⅜	19¾
Elec. Auto Lite	27¾	26⅝
Elec. Bond & Share	8⅜	7⅞
" $5 pfd.	—	53
" $6 pfd.	B 62	60
Elec. Pwr. & Lt.	26½	24¾
Flintkote	19⅝	18⅞
Food Machinery Corn.	22½	B 21⅛
Gen. Amer. Trans. Corp.	B 43	40¾
Gen. Elec.	35	34⅝
Gen Motors	41⅞	40⅝
Gen. Rly. Signal	16¼	B 15¼
Glidden Co.	17	16
Goodrich (B.F.)	16½	15⅞
" $5 pfd.	—	—
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	24¾	24
Great Nthrn. Iron Ore	13	13
Great Nthrn. Rlv.	19⅝	19
Great Western Sugar	25½	25
Greyhound Corp.	17⅛	16⅝
Hecker Products	9⅝	9½
Homestake Min.	69½	—
Indus. Rayon	21	20¼
Int. Harvester	56¼	55¼
Int. Nickel	46⅞	45⅝
Int. Tel. & Tel.	7	6¾
Johns Manville	73	70
Jones & Laughlin	B 37¼	B 36¼
Kennecott	31½	30⅞
Libby-Owens-Ford Glass	41⅛	40⅛
Lockheed Aircraft	24¾	24⅝
Loew's Inc.	39	37½
Manhattan Shirt Co.	11	—
Martin, Glenn L. Co.	33¾	33⅛
McKesson & Robbing	9¼	9⅜
Monsanto Chemical	91	B 90⅞
Montgomery Ward	46⅜	45
Nat. City Bank	B 23½	B 24⅛
Nat. Dairy Products	14	13¾
Nat. Distillers	24¾	24
Nat. Gypsum	11¼	10⅝
Nat. Lead	21½	B 20⅛
Nat. Power & Lt.	7¾	7¼
Nat. Steel Corp.	69	67⅛
Nat. Supply Co.	8⅞	8⅜
New York Central	14⅝	13⅞
Niagara Hudson Power	6⅛	6⅛
North Amer. Aviation	14⅛	13¾
North Amer.	21½	21
Northern Pacific	8⅝	8⅜
Pacific G. & Elec.	30¾	30
Pacific Lighting	B 44	44
Packard Motors	3¼	3⅛
Paramount Pictures Inc.	8¼	7⅞
Pennsylvania R.R.	17⅞	17⅛
Phelps Dodge	32½	32
Phillips Petroleum	34½	34
Public Serv. of N.J.	34⅝	33⅞
Pullman, Inc.	26⅝	26⅛
Pure Oil	8¼	7⅝
Radio Corp. of Amer.	6¼	5⅞
Republic Steel Co.	15¾	15
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	38¾	37⅞
Richfield Oil Corp.	7⅝	7¼
Safeway Stores	33	31⅞
Schenley	13½	13
" 5% pfd.	68	—
Sears Roebuck	67⅝	66¾
Seversky Aircraft	3⅞	3⅝
Shell Union Oil	11⅞	11½
Socony-Vacuum	12⅛	12
Sthrn. Pacific	12⅝	12
Sthrn. Rlv.	19⅞	19
Sperry Corp.	39½	39⅛
Stand. Brands	6¼	6⅛
Stand. Gas & Elec.	2¾	2⅝
Stand. Oil of Calif.	26⅜	26¼
Stand. Oil of N.J.	45½	45⅛
Stone & Webster	10⅛	—
Swift International	26¾	26
Technicolor	B 16⅛	16⅜
Texas Corp	39⅛	38½
Texas Gulf Sulphur	B 27¾	27½
Transamerica	6	5⅞
Tw. Century Fox	19¼	18½
" " pfd.	29	—
Un. Carbide & Carbon	72	73
Un. Pacific	89½	B 86¼
Un. Aircraft	36⅞	35⅝
Un. Air Lines Trans.	9⅜	9¼
Un. Corp.	2⅜	2¼
" $3 cum. pfd.	32	31
Un. Gas Corp.	2	2⅛
Un. Gas Improvement	11⅞	11⅝
U. S. Rubber	36¾	36
" 8% pfd.	95	93
U. S. Steel	49¼	47¾
Vanadium	18⅝	19¾
Warner Bros. Picts.	5	4⅝
Westinghouse Elec.	92¼	90
Woodward Iron	17	16½

BONDS

Amer. & For.	54½	54⅛
Brazil	17	16¾
Baltimore & Ohio R.R.	17¾	17¾
Cities Serv. Power	78½	77⅜
Erie R.R.	97⅜	93⅜
Int. Tel. & Tel.	61	60
Minas Geraes	10⅝	10⅛
New England Gas & Elec.	62⅞	60½
Peru	9	8⅞
Rio Grande do Sul	B 11	B 10⅛
Sao Paulo	B 9½	B 9
Sthrn. Pacific R.R.	45	43⅞
Stand. Gas & Elec.	59	58¼

B—Bid.

Dow-Jones Summary

Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Traders at the opening of the Stock Exchange today were cautious, with the list losing two-thirds of Saturday's gains in a quiet session. The cool reception which the totalitarian press gave to President Roosevelt's peace proposal dampened sentiment. Reports to the effect that Poland had agreed to return Danzig to Germany relaxed the tension, but gains from the day's lows were small. At the low levels, losses were extended to more than three points, with metals, motors and rails leading the opening decline, but later losses were partially recovered. Buildings weakened in face of continued favourable news from the industry; steels recovered somewhat after the release of a report showing that operations were at a new low since the first week of the year, due to previous anticipations of such a happening; and, business continued to contract, due to war fears to which the reduction in steel operations is attributed, although the coal shortage is also believed to be an influence.

By Courtsey of S. E. Levy & Co.

Last week's brisk rally signified the passing of the acute phase of the recent liquidation. However, the volume of business passing was not so heartening, emphasizing the thinness of the recovery. Foreign interests were moderate sellers prior to Saturday, when they turned into substantial buyers.

Investment trusts are 90 per cent. invested, and no formidable buying is anticipated from this source. Waiving domestic or international developments, buying impulses were most potent during the period 1935/1937, but are not too strong at the present moment. Whether because of war fears, disappointment over the seasonal recovery or the New Deal's economic dilemmas, speculators have lost courage.

Business has receeded since December, with only trifling interruptions. The trend is distinctly contra-seasonal. Barron's index adjusted for trend is currently placed at 60.2, owing to the sharp contraction in the coal output. Thus far, no collapse like that of 1937/1938 is yet in sight. The heavy industries are suffering most. Earnings of oils and steels are unsatisfactory, without the promise of significant improvement. Defensive stocks have proved to be better speculative vehicles than conventional industrials.

The traditional background of a bear market is lacking; no excesses of finance or business, no liquidation of loans or inventories combination. The contra-seasonal business recession and a grave war scare broke the market.

The next few weeks should determine whether private initiative in business is as low as in finance.

Shanghai March Foreign Trade

Imports Total $53,115,053 Exports $21,184,301 Noted From the Customs Returns

A grand total of $53,115,053 for foreign imports from abroad during March 1939, swelling the January-March figure to $126,424,543 as against $51,784,601 for the same period in 1538, is noted from the returns issued by the Chinese Maritime Customs for Shanghai. Exports totalled $21,184,301 for March and $80,652,551 for January-March, compared with $33,633,787 in 1938.

Net Imports

(Including Bond Withdrawals)

	March 1939 C.S.$	Jan.-Mar. 1939 C.S.$
Cotton P.G. Grey	69,491	111,039
Piece White or dyed	118,676	347,535
Piece printed	76,426	91,284
Piece miscellaneous	56,356	148,138
Cotton raw, yarn	14,551,839	26,347,211
Cotton many, sundry	64,904	185,143
Flax, ramie, hemp	629,709	1,440,079
Wool, and manu.	1,801,689	2,934,594
Silk	1,803,127	4,151,712
Metals and ores	2,850,965	7,757,394
Machinery and tools	1,463,343	5,649,444
Vehicles and vessels	1,055,083	2,208,603
Metal Manu.,	1,220,449	3,463,523
Fishery products	388,397	1,043,323
Canned goods	456,706	1,192,555
Cereals and flour	5,296,792	8,239,184
Fruits, seeds	845,481	1,898,970
Medicinal goods	494,740	1,009,466
Sugar	863,320	2,643,468
Wines, beer	124,871	328,907
Tobacco	2,003,242	7,453,387
Pharmaceuticals	1,455,795	4,441,772
Dyes, varnishes	1,670,952	3,828,186
Candles, resins, etc.,	5,886,178	15,284,630
Books, maps, paper	1,719,380	6,488,620
Hides, leather, etc.,	359,234	829,942
Timber	873,887	2,595,913
Bamboo, straw, etc.,	521,523	1,190,119
Coal, fuel, tar	1,574,378	6,410,673
Chinaware, etc.,	164,333	481,616
Stone, earth	137,755	434,894
Sundry	2,516,032	5,793,878
Grand Total	53,115,053	126,424,543

Net Exports

Animal products	3,744,444	13,672,407
Hides, leather	1,192,965	3,103,971
Fish products	19,491	61,814
Beans and peas	124,789	1,283,354
Cereals	2,046,126	4,132,394
Dyestuffs, vegetables	214	4,219
Fruits, preserves	84,128	135,950
Medicinals	191,468	537,040
Oils, tallow, wax	420,730	1,386,289
Seeds	58,588	353,263
Spirituous beverages	37,158	170,151
Sugar	90	114
Tea	369,972	1,194,659
Tobacco	446,426	1,579,149
Vegetables	18,892	61,137
Vegetable products	647,019	1,515,157
Bamboo	12,385	52,416
Fuel	78,721	151,532
Rattan		3,137
Timber	103,570	404,564
Paper	75,231	158,519
Textile fibres	3,371,244	17,947,372
Yarn, thread	2,643,391	10,307,196
Piece goods	1,879,752	7,666,518
Other textiles	560,463	2,456,140
Ores, metals	591,922	2,470,253
Glass, glassware	142,170	469,896
Stone, earth	176,947	551,062
Chemicals	414,431	1,478,693
Printed matter	124,996	487,233
Sundry	1,605,548	6,772,034
Grand Total	21,184,301	80,652,551

VALUE OF GOLD AND SILVER IMPORTED FROM AND EXPORTED TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

	March G.U.	Jan.-Mar. G.U. $
Imp. from G.U. $		
Japan		824
Total Imports		824

SHANGHAI'S VALUE OF MARCHANDISE IMPORTED FROM AND EXPORTED TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

March 1939	G.U.	$
Imports		
Gross Imports	22,742,073	
Less Re-exports Abroad	555,334	
Net Imports	22,186,739	53,115,053
Exports		
Gross Exports		21,351,775
Less Reimports from Abroad		167,474
Net Exports		21,184,301
Total Net Imports and Exports		74,239,354
Excess of Imports Exports		31,930,752

January-March 1938 Imp. G.U.	$	1939 G.U.	$
Gross Imp. 23,411,262		53,783,970	
Less Re-exp. Abroad 452,455		1,036,730	
Net Imp. 22,958,807	51,784,001	52,747,240	126,424,543
Exports			
Gross Exp. 33,698,698			81,330,784
Less Reimp. from Abroad 64,311			678,233
Net Exp. 33,633,787			80,652,551
Total Net Imp. and Exp. 85,417,788			207,077,094
Excess of Imports Exports 18,150,214			45,771,992

March Rubber Outputs

	lb.
Henrietta Rubber Estate Ltd.	68,200
Sungei Matang Rub. Estate Ltd.	22,500
Ayer Tawah Rub. Plant. Co., Ltd.	20,000
Sungala Rubber Estate Ltd.	19,369
Permata Rubber Estate Ltd.	4,728

U.S. Commodities

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Apr. 17.

Higher Liverpool and Bombay cables influenced new buying and covering in the cotton market today, whilst opposition to the proposed subsidy and marketing plans allayed prevailing fears. Trading was fairly active and, with new buying and covering appearing, prices closed from 3 to 15 points above the previous close.

Prices in the rubber market eased today on selling and liquidation, despite steady London cables, due to fears of a probable increase in quotas at the next meeting of the International Rubber Regulation Committee in May. However, the undertone of the market remains good, and final quotations showed losses ranging from 9 to 11 points, compared with Saturday's close.

Wheat in Chicago was a trading affair. The advance in Liverpool about offset the better European outlook and, on balance, fractional gains were recorded, ranging from 3/8 to ½ cent up.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
May	8.09-09 +15	May	15.65-65 —10
July	7.80-80 +11	July	15.67-67 —09
Oct.	7.46-46 +05	Sept.	15.67-69 —09
Dec.	7.40-40 +04	Dec.	15.65-70 —11
Jan.	7.40 N +04		B/A
Mar.	7.45 N +03		

New York Sugar No. 4		New York Silk	
May	1.26-26½ +1 B/A	May (No. 1)	2.26-26 —9
July	1.25-25½ +1 B/A		

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
May	69¼-69⅛ +½	May	48⅜-48⅜ +½
July	68⅛-68 +⅜	July	49¾-49⅞+⅜
Sept.	63½-68⅝ +½	Sept.	50½-50½+⅜

Winnipeg Wheat		
May	60¾-60¾	+½
July	61¾-61¾	+⅜
Oct.	62⅞-62⅞	+⅜

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

North China Ins. Dividend

At the forthcoming annual general meeting of the North China Insurance Co. Ltd., to be held on Tuesday, May 9, at 10.30 a.m. the directors will recommend the payment of a dividend of £3.10 per share (unchanged). The directors will

Foreign-Owned Chinese Dailies Receive Threatening Letters

Distortion of Truth Alleged by "Patriotic" Youth Organization; Police Taking Necessary Precautions

SIX foreign-owned Chinese language newspapers, were the recipients yesterday morning, of letters purporting to come from the "Chinese Youths' National Salvation Association" and in which the publishers were warned that if they persisted in their policy of giving prominence to "their absurd opinions and representing true for false and false for true", bombs and bullets would be used by members of the organization who are "willing to die with the staffs of the newspapers" in order that their fellow countrymen may be rescued from "deep waters and flaming fires" Of the publications thus threatened, four are British: "Ta Ying Ya Pao," "Standard," "Leader" and "Yih Pao," whilst the other two, the "Ta Mei Wan Pao" and the "Hwa Mei" are American owned and controlled.

The letters were received at about 9 a.m. yesterday, being delivered by post. They were not individually written but had been printed on a duplicating machine and bore the seal of the association as well as three small red marks at the bottom of the sheet.

Publishers Inform Police

Up to yesterday evening, only two of the threatened newspapers, had communicated with the Concession and Settlement police. The editor of the "Ta Mei Wan Pao," which is the only one of the six papers to have its premises in the Concession, communicated with the police, who immediately commenced investigations after additional police protection had been afforded the building since Monday night, following the murder of the publication's distribution manager on Taku Road.

The other publisher to have communicated with the police, is Mr. J. A. E. Sanders Bates, of the University Press Ltd., a British firm publishing the "Mei Jeh I Pao" and the "Ta Ying Yeh Pao."

Investigations Commenced

Detectives from Central police station commenced investigations immediately and were able to ascertain that the letter in question was mailed from the General Post Office on North Szechuen Road at about 2 p.m. on Monday.

Appropriate precautions have been taken to prevent any untoward incident and constables have been posted at the various offices, whilst Mr. Sanders Bates' home is also under police protection.

It was presumed yesterday, that the various publishers informed their Consulates of the receipt of these threatening letters and that the respective Consulates would take the matter up with the Shanghai Municipal Council.

Mr. Sanders Bates, it was furthermore learned yesterday, also received a printed three-page circular on Monday which, signed with the words "Proletarians of the World Unite," contained anti-British and anti-French allegations. No threats were contained in the printed circular however, it was understood.

Mr. Miura, the Japanese Consul-General, it will be remembered, called on the chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council on Monday afternoon and requested that stricter anti-terrorist measures be adopted in the Settlement. Although the official communiqué issued at the time made no mention of it, it was understood that exception was also being taken to the strong pro-Chungking attitude of foreign-owned Chinese daily newspapers.

Text of Letter

A translation of the threatening letters received yesterday, is as follows:

Dear Sirs:

"Since the outbreak of hostilities, the newspaper world has not been able to get rid of the yoke of false thoughts, so that misunderstanding is getting deeper and deeper. In fact, the Kuomingtang is using 'The Three Peoples' Principles' as a pretext for retaining its power and exploiting the people, without any regard for their sufferings. They surrender national interests to both Europe and America as a means of squeezing the life's blood from the people, and they do not carry out the pledges made at the beginning of the revolution. Therefore this has given Communism, Socialism and other 'isms' a chance to arise. The object of the Soviet Union in agitating the youth of China is to Bolshevize and disturb the peace of East Asia.

"In view of these circumstances, we Patriots all rise in resistance to rescue our fellow countrymen from the deep waters and flaming fires, and to complete the task of making our country an illustrious, glorious, and brand new nation, that it may for ever take an independent place in the world. However, the newspaper world does not understand the real situation and presents the false as true and the true as false. If those responsible persist in continuing their absurd opinions and intoxicate our fellow countrymen, they are prosecuting our people and adding fuel to the fire. Should they not return to a correct realization of the position and give honest views and opinions, we, the pioneers of salvation, will most certainly use force as a means of suppression, using bombs and bullets, and we are willing to die with the staff of your paper. Therefore, you should not blame us for not giving you warning beforehand.

"We now send this letter in anticipation of your awakening.

"The China Youths' Patriotic Salvation Association."

(Seal)

April 17, 1939.

Health Standards in Schools

Sickness Rate in March Shows Slight Increase

According to the monthly report of the Commissioner of Public Health, during March the Municipal schools showed an average sickness rate of 14.2 per cent. for all schools in a total enrolment of 7,756—an increase on the previous month of 1.5 per cent. in a total enrolment of 7,756. In the Foreign Municipal Schools, there was a reduction of 0.2 per cent. of sickness incidence, whilst both the Municipal Secondary and Primary Schools for Chinese showed slightly increased sickness rates.

During March 132 cases of communicable diseases were reported or discovered in the Municipal schools. There was a marked increase in the prevalence of measles and mumps, whilst a definite increase in the incidence of diphtheria—particularly in the Primary Schools for Chinese—was also noted.

Regarding Municipal Primary Schools for Chinese, 758 pupils made 1,079 attendances at the school clinics, whilst at the trachoma clinics 897 pupils made 5,219 voluntary attendances for the free treatment of trachoma. The Chinese Assistant School Medical Officers made full medical examination of 121 pupils during the month at two Primary Schools for Chinese. In each case a report and recommendation as to treatment (if any) were compiled and dispatched to the parent concerned. The Chinese school nurses visited 642 pupils in their homes, 483 of whom were absent from school, whilst 159 were cases which had been formerly referred back to their parents for action following school medical inspection.

At Grant-aided Chinese Private Schools.—338 visits were made by the Inspectorial Staff, 335 of which were already upon the grant-in-aid list, whilst two were new applicant schools (and one building was the proposed new location for a grant-aided School. Fourteen schools were reported as having completed all outstanding Public Health Department requirements. Overcrowding in grant-aided schools is still rampant and it is proposed to compile and submit a full report upon this subject at an early date.

Woman Employed as an Opium-Carrier

Three Years' Term Imposed By District Court

A woman who secretly transported opium for her husband who is alleged to be opium merchant was sentenced to three years' imprisonment yesterday by the First Special District Court. Fang Ah-chuan, who tried to buy more than $400 worth of the drug from her, drew also three years.

The sentenced woman is Mrs. Liu Han-chieh whose husband the police have not yet arrested. They were stated to be living at 1347 Avenue Edward VII where the officers seized more than 60 ounces of opium during a recent raid. During the raid the sentenced man arrived and was therefore also arrested.

Mrs. Liu was found to be secretly transporting 12 ounces of opium while walking in Chekiang Road near Peking Road when she was arrested. At the time of her arrest she was accompanied by her daughter aged 12 years. An alert detective found out that she often transported opium with the help of her daughter in whose pocket the officer found the contraband.

Owing to the fact that the girl is below age, the judge did not punish her but ruled that she be sent to a relief organization where she will wait for other older relatives to take care of her.

International Relief Committee

The International Relief Committee, Shanghai wishes to acknowledge with thanks the following donations from April 1 to April 15 inclusively. Please send your donations direct to the Head Office at 123 Blvd. de Montigny, Y.M.C.A. Building.

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	$ 2,238.40
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	3,339.58
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Total sum ..	$627,443.85

Seamen Charged With Mutiny

Three Members of Crew of ss. Salvus Sentenced to One Day's Imprisonment

Charged with wilfully disobeying the lawful commands of the master of the ship and combining with others to disobey these lawful commands, three British seamen on the Cardiff-owned tramp steamer, ss. Salvus (for which the local agents are Lacey & Cannan), Robert Lee, George Gale and Peter Dahl appeared before Mr. I. T. Morris, Acting Registrar in H.M. Police Court yesterday and were each sentenced to one day's imprisonment. As they had been in police custody for this period they were immediately discharged.

The Salvus, it will be recalled, was connected with a recent murder trial in Shanghai, when a lascar fireman from the vessel, Aser Khan, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment for the manslaughter of Andrew Stephen Ford, a British member of the crew of the same ship. The charge was reduced by the jury from murder to manslaughter.

Captain W. C. Smith, master of the Salvus, told the court that last Saturday afternoon at about 3.30 o'clock, he was sitting in the saloon when the Chief Officer told him that the men wished to see him about their money. The men included the three accused and two Scandinavians. He told the Chief Officer to tell them that there would be no money forthcoming as the ship was sailing on the following day.

Refused to Turn To

Upon receiving this information, the men declared that they would not work and witness sent for Lee, who stated that this was quite true. Witness then told Lee that this was a very serious matter and that he should think it over. The Salvus, he added, was due to sail at noon on Sunday and he sent the Chief Officer forward to tell the men to stand by. Upon his return the Chief Officer said that the men had exclaimed "No money, no work."

At 7 o'clock on the following morning he was informed by the Chief Officer that the men were not on board, and one hour later he received the information that they had returned. Since they refused to turn to he called them aft. This they refused to do, and as the ship had to be moved to make room for another vessel, she was shifted from the Yangkszepoo Dock to the International Dock with the help of wharf coolies.

During cross-examination Capt. Smith denied saying "To hell with your debts. You'll get no money." Mr. C. M. Ashburne, Chief Officer, substantiated the master's evidence. Dahl, one of the accused, then asked: "Is it not a fact that by the regulations of the port of Shanghai no ship can sail after sunset?" Mr. Ashburne replied that he did not know the port regulations.

Inspector R. E. Bridges of the River Police said that a police party was placed on board the Salvus on Monday morning, as a result of a request from Mr. L. Beatty of Lacey and Cannan. The police were there, he added, to see that there was no trouble or any interference with the navigation of the ship from one dock to another. Ships could sail out of Shanghai, he said, 24 hours a day.

Bad Quarters

Lee, the first of the accused to enter the witness box, stated that last Wednesday the five white seaman tried to see the captain about leaks into their quarters in the forecastle, a puddle six inches deep from the lavatory and about their money. The captain would not see them, he said, but on Saturday morning they saw him when he said to "To hell with your debts."

On Saturday afternoon the five seamen and all the native firemen asked the captain to see them but he refused several times. Subsequently the Chief Officer told him that the captain wished to see him.

"The captain told me that he hadn't any money," Lee went on. "I told him that I always paid my debts and wanted to do so in Shanghai. He made no reply. When we had our first issue of money he said nothing about there not being any more. If he had, I would not have got into debt."

They went ashore after 5 p.m. on Sunday, he added, and agreed that they had been told to stand to that morning, but said as there were no firemen on board and barely enough steam to work a winch, it was obvious that the ship would not be able to sail. The next morning, when told to turn to, they repeated a desire to see the Shipping Consul, but, as on the day before, no notice was taken of this request. "I went ashore on Sunday at the invitation of a friend, who said that I could sleep in drier quarters than the forecastle," he continued.

Cross-examined by Mr. M. Reader Harris for the prosecution, he said that he had been at sea for 40 years and quite understood the seriousness of not obeying orders. He agreed to a certain extent that he had disobeyed orders but said that at the time the ship was partially dismantled.

Serious Offence

Gale stated that he needed the money to pay several small debts but when they approached the captain on Wednesday he refused to see them. He denied refusing to work, saying that he had asked to be allowed to see the Shipping Consul and get paid off as there was "always trouble. It was hell on earth, not a ship." He had been at sea for over 40 years.

Mr. M. Reader Harris—Did you spend Saturday night with the same philanthropic gentleman who put up Lee?

Gale—That is my business. Actually I stayed in a hotel on credit.

Dahl said that his major reason for wishing to see the captain was not for the purpose of asking for money but to see what could be done about their quarters. Whenever a heavy sea came over the bows, water ran down into his bunk and on at least two occasions he turned in from a watch on deck into a wet bunk. He added that he had complained to the Chief Officer but nothing had been done.

He also wished to complain about the food, he stated. At sea they had salt meat and tinned stuff, and although they wanted fresh food and vegetables in port they were being given salted haddock. "I went ashore on Sunday," he stated, "to escape that damn forecastle."

Pointing out that this was a very serious offence with which they had been charged, Mr. Morris said that there were certain extenuating circumstances which he had taken into consideration. He found them guilty of wilfully disobeying the commands and sentenced them as stated.

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Santhia	Hongkong	Mackenzie
Franken	Hongkong	Melchers
Kulmerland	Hongkong	H.-A.L.
Norah Moller		Mollers'
Ethel Moller	Tientsin	T.C.C.
Hai Tung	Weihaiwei	Melchers
Anshing M.	Tsingtao	N.K.K.
U.S.S. Luzon	Cruise	—
Hansi	C'yingsha	G.F.E.
Haikong	Hsinkong	Keh Lee
Kenzan M.	Tsingtao	Showa S.
Liesel	Hupukow	Chin Dah
Tejo	T'lungkong	I.C.R.N.
Suiwo	Tungchow	Jardine
St. V. de Paul	Tientsin	B.&S.
Heini	Haimen	G.F.E.
Lipari	Haimen	C.I.N.
Lushan M.	Amoy	N.K.K.
Karsten	Hupukow	Chin Dah

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Luise	Ger.	Keh Lee
Hertha	Ger.	G.F.E.
Wiking	Ger.	Yat Shing
Tungwo	Br.	Jardine
Patti	Ital.	Chang Yuen
Kiangting	Ger.	Foo Hwa
Nantung M.	Jap.	N.K.K.
Karsten	Ger.	Chin Dah
Liesel	Ger.	Chin Dah
Emp. of Russia	Br.	C.P.R.
Glenapp	Br.	B.&S.
Nagasaki M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Wusueh	Br.	B.&S.
Tantalus	Br.	B.&S.
Shuntien	Br.	B.&S.
H.M.S. Cardiff	Br.	—
Menestheus	Br.	B.&S.
Somali	Br.	Mackenzie
Taityu M.	Jap.	N.K.K.
Ariadne Moller	Br.	C.F.S.S.
Regensburg	Ger.	Melchers
Taisang	Br.	Jardine
Enderta	Ital.	C.I.N.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Scarab	Br.	Gbt	Y.P.D.W.
Tern	Br.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
Marblehead	Am.	Cr.	U.S.N.B.
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ms. Johan v. Oldenbarnevelt	19,000	May 3	May 5	May 23
ms. Dempo	17,000	May 10	May 12	May 30
ss. Johan de Witt	10,400	May 24	May 26	June 15
ms. Indrapoera	10,800	June 7	June 9	June 28
ms. Marnix v. St. Aldegonde	19,100	June 14	June 16	July 5
ms. Baloeran	17,000	June 21	June 23	July 12
ss. Jan Pieterszoon Coen	11,140	June 28	June 30	July 22
ms. Christiaan Huygens	15,700	July 5	July 7	July 26
ms. Sibajak	12,000	July 12	July 14	Aug. 2
ss. Slamat	11,600	July 19	July 21	Aug. 9
ms. Johan v. Oldenbarnevelt	19,000	July 26	July 28	Aug. 16
ms. Dempo	17,000	Aug. 2	Aug. 4	Aug. 23
ss. Johan de Witt	10,400	Aug. 16	Aug. 18	Sept. 7
ms. Indrapoera	10,800	Aug. 23	Aug. 25	Sept. 13
ms. Marnix v. St. Aldegonde	19,100	Sept. 6	Sept. 8	Sept. 26

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Date and Destination	Per	Reg.	Ord.
WEDNESDAY, April 19.			
Tientsin	St. V. de Paul X	*20.00	7.30
Tsingtao and Dairen	Dairen M.	8.00	8.30
Amoy H'kong Java Ports	Tjisaroea	9.30	10.00
Aust. N.Z. and Manila	Ivaran	15.00	16.00
Hongkong and Canton	Ivaran	15.30	16.00
Tsingtao	Hengshan M.	20.00	20.00
THURSDAY, April 20.			
Formosa via Keelung	Tyosa M.	*20.00	7.30
Swatow and Hongkong	Taiyuan	7.30	8.00
Kwangtung	Taiyuan	7.30	8.00
Tsingtao Chefoo Tientsin	Hangsang	7.30	8.00
Swatow H'kong Haiphong	Yusang	8.30	9.00
Wenchow	Enderta X	11.30	12.00
Wenchow	C. Paolini	12.30	13.00
Japan via Kobe	Taiyo M. Y	16.00	16.30
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Tejo	16.30	17.00
Foochow	F. Consolini	16.30	17.00
Aust. N.Z. and Indo-China	Tegelberg	19.00	20.00
Hongkong and Canton	Tegelberg	19.30	20.00
Wenchow	Pelikan X	19.30	20.00
FRIDAY, April 21.			
Japan Korea Formosa via Nagasaki	Shanghai M.	*20.00	7.15
Chefoo and Tientsin	Fooshing	7.30	8.00
Tsingtao Weihaiwei Chefoo	Hoihow	9.00	9.30
Foochow	Leesang	9.30	10.00
H'kow Wuchang Hanyang	Daichi M.	13.30	14.00
Nantung	Nantung M.	14.30	15.00
Central America and Canal Zone	Tai Ping Yang Az	—	—
Foochow	G. Padula	18.30	19.00

* The night before.
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Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service (Hongkong-Bangkok-London and Hongkong-Bangkok-Singapore-Australia) per ss. Ivaran, on April 19, at 3 p.m. for registered and at 4 p.m. for ordinary, and due Marseilles on April 30, and London on May 1.

Pan American Airways Service (Hongkong-San Francisco) per available steamer to Hongkong.

Air France (Hongkong-Marseilles) per ss. Canton on April 25, at 8 a.m. for registered and at 9 p.m. for ordinary, and due Marseilles on May 5, and London May 6.

Neth. (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Bandoeng-Amsterdam) per ss. Canton on April 25, at 8 a.m. for registered and at 9 a.m. for ordinary, and due Amsterdam on May 9, and London on May 10.

Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per available steamer to Hongkong for transmission to Saigon.

Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service:—Air mails close daily at 8 p.m. for registered and ordinary. Mails for America may be sent on April 19, by air mail to Japan for connection with ss. Empress of Canada leaving Yokohama on April 21.

Domestic Air Mail

Air Mails for Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line close daily at 12.00 (At Yuhang Road Sub-Office daily at 11.30 a.m.)

Air mails for Hankow per Shanghai-Hankow Air Line close daily at 10.30 p.m.

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Train Mail

Light mails for or via Pengpu, Wuhu, N.S.R. and Lunghai (east of Chenghsien; Tungshan and Kaifeng) close daily, at 9.30 p.m. Express mails for Nanking and Chinkiang local close daily at 8.45 a.m.

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Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—

ss. Pres. Taft, via Pacific, April 23, due London May 24.

ss. Jean Laborde, via Suez, April 24, due London May 25.

ss. Canton, via Suez, April 25, due London May 27.

Weather, Time and Tide

Wednesday, April 19, 1939 (30th day of 2nd moon)	SICCAWEI April 17 16.00	21.00	April 18 4.00	9.00
Barometer inches	29.97	30.00	29.93	29.93
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	0.00	—0.05	—0.09	—0.11
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	—0.05	—0.04	—0.04	—0.07
Wind (direction)	NE	NNE	NNE	NNE
" (miles per hour)	12.4	10.6	5.6	8.1
Temperature (Fahr.)	60.1°	55.6°	65.1°	57.4°
Humidity %	87	98	100	100
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	10	10	10	10
Rainfall inches	—	—	0.07	0.09

Siccawei Abridged Report April 17	Mean 1939	24 hrs. variation	66 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.01	+0.03	29.99
Temp. Min .61.°8 Max. 64.°2	58.°0	0.00	5.67
Total rainfall January to 1 midnight before last (inches)	11.07	0.06	9.61

Time and Tide	19/4	20/4	21/4	22/4	23/4
Sun rises at Shanghai	5.23	5.22	5.21	5.20	5.19
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.25	18.26	18.26	18.27	18.27
Moon rises at Shanghai	4.54	5.32	6.14	7.02	7.53
Moon sets at Shanghai	18.05	19.04	20.05	21.04	22.02
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	10.20	10.48	11.26	12.15	12.41
Ebb, makes Shai. 6 to 18	15.20	16.02	16.40	17.15	17.50
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	11.54	12.33	13.01	13.37	14.07
Ht. above LLW. (feet)	9.75	10.55	10.48	10.20	10.12

Vessels Discharging

JEAN LABORDE. From Marseilles via Ports with Cargo ex ss. "Marechal Joffre," "Chateau Pavie" and "Sidamo" arrived on April 16, and is discharging her cargo at Old Ningpo Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for exchange of Delivery Orders and take immediate delivery of their cargo. All risk of fire at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by consignees and claims against this steamer must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival or they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Friday, April 21, 1939, at 9 a.m. at the wharf by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. No Insurance effected. Cie des Messageries Maritimes. 19-4

GLENAPP. From London arrived on April 16, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on April 25, 1939. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Friday, April 21, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Inward Agents. 20-4

REGENSBURG. The Norddeutscher Lloyd m.s. Regensburg, from Bremen, Hamburg and Antwerp via Ports is now discharging her cargo at the Hunt's Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. Consignees are further notified that the steamer Regensburg has taken at Bremen through cargo for Shanghai ex steamer Strauss, Lumme, Follux and Orlanda from Kotka, Danzig and Mantyluoto. All risk of fire at the wharf and godowns to be borne by consignees. Any claims against this vessel must be sent in within (15) fifteen days after the vessel's arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo to be examined at the Hunt's Wharf by Messrs. Tesdorpf, Hannig & Co. on next Wednesday morning, April 26, 1939, at 9 a.m. Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen, General Agents: Melchers & Co., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 20-4

MENESTHEUS. From Liverpool arrived on April 17, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on April 26, 1939. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Thursday, April 20, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 21-4

Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From **NEW YORK**: Ivaran, with mail, due 8 a.m. Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf.

From **KOBE**: Taiyo Maru, with mail, due 7 a.m. Hunt's Wharf.

From **DAIREN**: Dairen Maru, with mail, due 7 a.m. Whangpoo Wharf.

From **TIENTSIN**: Shenking, due a.m. French Bund.

From **HONGKONG**: Taiyuan, due a.m. French Bund.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GDYNIA			**From MARSEILLES**		
Bellerophon	7/3	28/4	P. Doumer	14/4	12/5
Antilochus	4/4	26/5	**From GENOA**		
From COPENHAGEN			C. B'camano	29/3	25/4
Danmark	1/3	13/5	**From TRIESTE**		
Africa	1/4	1/6	Arabia	20/3	20/4
From OSLO			C. Rosso	12/4	7/5
Trianon	17/3	20/5	Himalaya	20/3	9/5
Nanking	28/3	22/5	**From PORT SAID**		
Triton	17/4	15/6	Serooskerk	11/4	10/5
From HAMBURG			Lippe	9/4	11/5
Gneisenau	18/3	24/4	Pres. Doumer	18/4	12/5
Scharnhorst	15/4	19/5	Danmark	2/4	13/5
Africa	15/4	1/6	Ranchi	19/4	14/5
From BREMEN			Trianon	14/4	20/5
Nordmark	7/3	22/4	Nanking	15/4	22/5
Duisburg	21/3	15/5	**From SUEZ**		
Sauerland	4/4	25/5	Haruna M.	14/4	8/5
Preussen	18/4	7/6	Glenshiel	13/4	14/5
From ROTTERDAM			Duisburg	13/4	15/5
Tamara	9/3	20/4	**From ADEN**		
Sauerland	13/4	25/5	C. Rosso	19/4	7/5
Antilochus	12/4	26/5	Bhutan	17/4	15/5
From ANTWERP			**From BOMBAY**		
Gleniffer	4/3	4/5	Melbourne M.	3/4	30/4
Serooskerk	20/3	10/5	**From KARACHI**		
Lippe	23/3	11/5	Mansei M.	10/4	8/5
Glenshiel	18/3	14/5	**From COLOMBO**		
Glenfinlas	1/4	27/5	Rajputana	15/4	30/4
Zuiderkerk	17/4	10/6	**From PENANG**		
Glengarry	15/4	11/6	Aeneas	16/4	1/5
From GLASGOW			Gleniffer	14/4	4/5
Agamemnon	25/3	14/5	**From SINGAPORE**		
Sarpedon	8/4	25/5	Arabia	3/4	20/4
From LIVERPOOL			Tegelberg	15/4	22/4
Diomed	11/3	21/4	Hakusan M.	16/4	24/4
Aeneas	18/3	1/5	Gneisenau	17/4	24/4
Pyrrhus	25/3	9/5	C. B'camano	17/4	23/4
Agamemnon	1/4	14/5	Bellerophon	17/4	28/4
Achilles	8/4	21/5	**From SOERABAIA**		
Sarpedon	15/4	25/5	Tjibadak	3/4	20/4
From LONDON			Tjinegara	7/4	24/4
Bangalore	4/3	22/4	**From MANILA**		
Hakusan M.	17/3	24/4	Pres. Taft	17/4	23/4
Rajputana	24/3	30/4	Agapenor	18/4	38/4
Haruna M.	31/3	8/5	**From HONGKONG**		
Ranchi	6/4	14/5	See "China Ports" below.		
Bhutan	1/4	15/5			
Katori M.	14/4	23/5			
Behar	15/4	24/5			
Glenfinlas	15/4	27/5			

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK			**From SEATTLE**		
C. Athens	18/2	21/4	Talthybius	2/4	2/5
Niel Maersk	10/3	27/4	**From LOS ANGELES**		
Foylebank	6/3	28/4	Niel Maersk	1/4	27/4
Agapenor	27/2	28/4	Tatuta M.	27/3	29/4
Malay Prince	9/3	29/4	Laura Maersk	15/4	10/5
Silversandal	23/3	7/5	**From SAN FRANCISCO**		
Laura Maersk	25/3	10/5	Malay Prince	28/3	29/4
C@Pittsburg	16/3	13/5	Silversandal	11/4	7/5
Dardanus	27/3	19/5	Dardanus	19/4	19/5
S. Scientist	3/4	23/5	**From HONOLULU**		
P. Maersk	8/4	24/5	Emp. Japan	19/4	2/5
Chi. Prince	11/4	27/5	**From HONGKONG**		
C. of Derby	18/4	15/6	See "China Ports" below.		
From SAVANNAH			**From YOKOHAMA**		
Chi. Prince	14/4	27/5	Tatuta M.	14/4	29/4
From PANAMA			**From NAGASAKI**		
P. Maersk	19/4	24/5	Shanghai M.	19/4	20/4
From VANCOUVER			**From KEELUNG(Formosa)**		
Talthybius	10/4	2/5	Hukuken M.	23/4	25/4
Emp. Japan	14/4	2/5			

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN			**From MELBOURNE**		
Tegelberg	15/3	22/4	Tanda	1/4	11/5
Ruys	19/4	27/5	**From BRISBANE**		
			Tanda	17/4	11/5

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN			**From HONGKONG**		
Hoten M.	19/4	21/4	Tamara	17/4	20/4
Liangchow	18/4	22/4	Hoichow	16/4	20/4
Ramses	16/4	26/4	Kiungchow	17/4	21/4
Kina	13/4	27/4	C. Athens	15/4	21/4
From TIENTSIN			Diomed	15/4	21/4
Kwaisang	16/4	20/4	Bangalore	18/4	22/4
Wosang	16/4	20/4	Nordmark	18/4	22/4
Hsin Peking	17/4	21/4	Mingsang	19/4	23/4
Hunan	16/4	23/4	Esang	19/4	23/4
Sinkiang	21/4	24/4	Szechuen	20/4	24/4
Yatshing	23/4	26/4	Tsinan	19/4	24/4
From AMOY			Tjinegara	19/4	24/4
Tjibadak	17/4	20/4	Fausang	20/4	25/4

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A	AENEAS	May 27	M'lles, London, Rotterdam and Glasgow.
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A	AENEAS	Liverpool	May 1	May 2	Tsingtao Taku and Dairen
C	TALTHYBIUS	Pacific Coast	May 2	May 5	Hongkong
C	PYRRHUS	Liverpool	May 9	May 10	Japan Ports
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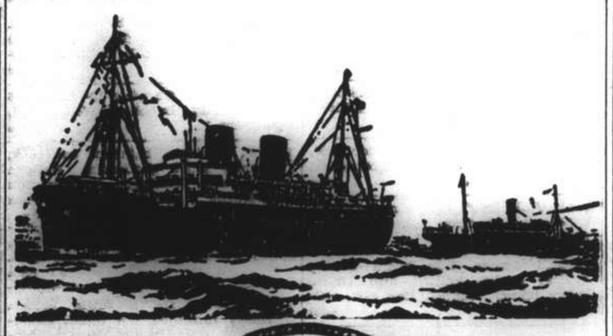

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			Jean Laborde		May 8	May 9
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Splendid Record of Lester Chinese Hospital

Sir Robert Calder Marshall Asks for Support At Annual Meeting; "A Hive of Industry"

REFERENCES to the splendid work performed by the Lester Chinese Hospital since its institution were made by Sir Robert Calder Marshall, presiding at the Hospital's annual general meeting which was held yesterday, and by several other speakers who followed. Referring to the increased work which had been incurred during recent years, the Chairman specially mentioned its service to refugees and made a plea for further support to enable the institution to maintain its splendid record. Supporting Sir Robert Calder Marshall were Mr. G. A. Haley, Mr. F. W. Poate, Mr. J. H. Liddell (Trustees) and Mr. E. S. Elliston (Secretary).

After thanking the Trustees and Committee for inviting him to preside at the annual meeting Sir Robert Calder Marshall said he regarded the Hospital as an old friend, having been in touch with it since 1906, when as the Shantung Road Hospital under the late Dr. Davenport in its old buildings it was, as it was now, in its more commodious premises, a hive of industry.

Since its foundation in 1844 the Hospital had given outstanding service to the community. Its history was one of service, service to suffering humanity and the report showed the great and increasing service being rendered to the community for in 1938 the visits of out-patients were 240,910, an increase of 62,079, while in the in-patient department the number of patient days was 102,138, an increase of 16,314 and operations at 6,295, showed an increase of 824 over 1937. These figures not only indicated the service being rendered by the Hospital but reading between the lines, the self sacrificing and whole hearted service of the staff.

"Comparing the report with that of 1937, the aspect that impresses itself on me is that the year 1938 might be called a 'Refugee Year,' differing from the more exciting period of actual hostilities in 1937," he said. The work of 1938, however, indicated a period of service of no less value to the community, as the work alleviated more prolonged and steady suffering and hardship, such as could be seen on every side in our present restricted Municipal limits.

Refugee Work

It had been his privilege, in his capacity as Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee of the British Fund for Relief in China, on which Committee Dr. Patterson gave such valuable service, to know something about the amount of relief work which was going on amongst refugees just now. So he appreciated the difficulties of the refugee problem more than many others. "I would like to express by grateful thanks to this Hospital for all the work which it is doing in this direction. From reports I have received, apart from the official report in front of you, there is no doubt that this Hospital is doing its full share. Sad as the situation was last year, it is almost sadder to realize that the problem will probably be with us for a long while to come and this community will have to put forth its utmost efforts. For any assistance which any individual may care to give, I can think of no better channel than the Lester Chinese Hospital, whose work is movingly indicated on pages 2 and 3 of the report," he continued.

He mentioned the difficulties that beset the School of Nursing, and added it could only be hoped that suitable Government arrangements would be made in due course so that the careers of the nurses would not be seriously inconvenienced.

"Those who are not frequent visitors to the hospital, tucked away, as it is, in a side street, are not unnaturally surprised at its size as it has in itself a population of more than 450 persons, say as much as a good sized village," he continued. "Such a large family requires careful organization and I was surprised to hear that the hospital consumed just over 850 piculs of rice during 1938. In other words, this hospital requires rice during one year which would last an ordinary Chinese family of five persons about 50 years.

Comparisons

"Again, I am informed that the water consumption was approximately 11,000,000 gallons, which weighs approximately 53,000 tons, so that I understand that it is quite safe for us to say that the amount of water which is used in a year would be quite sufficient to float the proverbial battleship. Another comparison is that the water which we use would cover the whole of the area of our Race Course to a depth of eight inches. I only mention these matters of comparison, to bring home to you what a really large institution this hospital is," he added.

The Chairman thanked the women's Auxiliary for their increased interest and help. "They and their Occupational Therapy Sub-Committee, under the chairmanship of Mrs. L. W. Hutton, organized a Bazaar and Fun Fair in October, the satisfactory result of which is shown at the end of page 13," he said. "Their presentation to the hospital of $1,000 is included in the Balance Sheet under the heading of (Benevolent Fund). The rest of the proceeds of the Bazaar allows for the financing of Occupational Therapy work, whilst I understand the hospital also benefits in the form of additional supplies of linen, etc. Products of the work of patients are on exhibit in this hall, and I am sure a visit to the stall will be mutually welcome."

During the year the hospital lost another of its connections with the hospital's past history, through the lamented death, last November, of an old friend, Mr. Wang I-ding. Mr. Wang had been an active member of the Committee since 1912, and during the whole of the ensuing period of no less than 26 years, he had helped the institution greatly, not only with his sage advice but also in many material ways and with financial assistance.

It had really been a surprise to the Trustees and Committee of the Hospital, how well financial assistance had come in during this period of extreme stress. Foreign subscriptions exceed $15,000, as against approximately $12,000 last year, whilst Chinese friends had also provided nearly $13,000, as against about $8,000 in 1937. Thanks were again due to the Shanghai Municipal Council and the French Municipal Council for their tangible support in the form of Grants-in-Aid, whilst the Hospital was also indebted, as always, to its staunch supporters, the Shanghai Race Club.

As would be seen from the working account, the British Fund for Relief in China made a grant of $50,000. The Shanghai International Red Cross had also provided over $7,000, as against about $5,000 last year, this being in addition to a large quantity of gifts in kind. The patients themselves paid far more than they had ever done before in the history of the hospital, for the services which had been rendered to them. The hospital received fees from patients to the amount of over $143,000 as against some $98,000 last year. This result had been a pleasant surprise to the Hospital management and the staff, being ample proof that the work done was appreciated. In addition to the above-mentioned very considerable increases in income, the Hospital had also been fortunate in income received from endowment properties. These were all situated South of the Soochow Creek, and, in common with all other properties in this area, they were fully occupied and producing higher revenue than ever before.

Expenditure

On the expenditure side of the Working Account, the cost under almost all headings had increased, but by dint of very careful supervision, the proportionate increase had not been quite as much as the proportionate increase on the revenue side, with the result that the excess of expenditure over income was less than $2,500. On account of the increased revenue from the endowment properties, it had now been possible to institute an actual Endowment Property Sinking Fund in cash investments, this to be utilized when the endowment properties required repair, as all properties periodically did. This prudent procedure practically ensured that the Hospital would have a solid income annually for the future, which it was hoped would be of great benefit to coming generations.

He had been informed that the Trustees and Committee viewed with considerable concern the high cost of repairs of the building in the near, if not immediate, future. The Hospital had borne a great strain during the past 18 months, which strain had left its mark on the structure itself as well as on the equipment. The building was first occupied in 1932, so it had now lost its original youthful bloom, and a tour round provided ample proof that considerable expenditure would be required, to enable the hospital to carry on its work in surroundings and under conditions which are conducive to best results.

Staff Thanked

A vote of thanks to the Staff was proposed by Mr. W. E. Souter and seconded by Mrs. T. T. Lew and in his reply Dr. J. L. H. Paterson expressed his gratitude and that of other members of the staff for the innumerable manifestations of goodwill and helpfulness that had been given during the year. He also thanked the Board and Trustees.

To the members of the staff I would speak a word of deep appreciation of all their indefatigable labours for the patients. The amount of work done during the year has been far above that of any previous twelve months. That the standards of work have not been lowered in spite of the never-ending pressure, speaks well for the wholehearted co-operation of all departments and all individuals," he added. The hospital had been running now for 95 consecutive years. During that time close on three million individual patients had applied for and received treatment, and of these over 127,000 had been cared for in the wards.

"We are passing through days of severe anxiety and dread, when the forces of destruction are rapidly gathering strength and evil and terror hover over our homes," continued Dr. Patterson. "It is well that we can turn our thoughts to works of construction and rebuilding, and find scope for our energies in the saving of life and regeneration of souls. In few places more than in hospitals will you find ideals such as these in daily practice. To you who have taken your part, great or small, direct or indirect, in such work as this, I would bid you count your efforts as among the very real things in your lives. To very many a hospital is simply an abode of pain and suffering. To those who know, it is a place of relief from suffering, a workshop for the repair of broken lives, and if it be a true hospital it is a centre of inspiration for both patients and staff for days to come."

The hospital had passed through critical periods, not least of them being that which still held Shanghai in its grip. "It may be that in the future, and the near future, further tests will come for the hospital, its committees, its staff, its friends in the community. But secure in the belief that we have a God-given commission to heal and revive, and sure of the sympathy and whole-hearted help of our many friends, we face forwards with confidence and eagerness to fuller and more efficient service than ever," he concluded.

Election of Officers

In speaking of the co-operation with the Lester Institute Dr. H. G. Earle stated that it was their intention to establish in the Hospital a real unit of clinical pathology in the widest sense of both those words. The primary function of the Hospital was treatment and the primary function of the Institute was investigation but these two functions should be confined in one clinical unit to become really effective.

On the proposition of Mr. W. C. Bond, seconded by Mr. Pan Tsze-chuan, the following were elected as Trustees: the Rev. A. Baxter, Mr. G. A. Haley, Mr. J. H. Liddell and Mr. F. W. Poate.

On the proposition of Mr. G. B. Fryer, seconded by Dr. Bernard Read, the General Committee was elected as follows: Messrs. G. Findlay Andrew, Adam Black, W. C. Bond, B. H. M. Broomhall, A. C. Bryson, Feng Ping-nan, Wm. Gockson, J. W. Grieve, W. A. Hogarth, J. R. Maughan, W. M. McLennan, Pan Tsze-chuan, W. E. Souter, Sze Ming-sze, Wang Yang-tsze, W. H. Way, Yang Moi-nan, S. C. Young.

U.S. Study Group to Tour Far East

University of Michigan Sponsoring Undertaking

Ann Arbor, Mich., Apr. 17.

The third Institute of Far Eastern Studies sponsored by the University of Michigan will take place here from June 26 to August 18, it was announced. The University has established itself as a centre for Far Eastern studies by the work it has carried on in that field during the last two summer sessions.

Leading feature of the Institute will be a field trip to the Far East under the direction of Professor Robert B. Hall, Michigan geographer and director of the Institute. About ten or twelve students will participate, visiting Japan, Korea, North China and Manchoukuo.

The other main features of the Institute will be a continuation of the concentrated language courses previously given in Chinese, Japanese and Russian. There will be courses for beginners and more advanced students. The claim has been made that total concentration during the eight-week summer session on specialized language study by latest methods, has enabled the students to obtain a sufficient grasp of the languages taught to be able to make use of newspapers.

Chief emphasis has been placed on language as a tool for research rather than as a study in philology and literature. Professor George Kennedy (who will be well remembered as a teacher in Shanghai) has been brought from Yale University to Michigan during the last two summers to conduct courses in Chinese, and he will continue this year. Japanese tuition will be given by Mr. Joseph K. Yamagiwa, and Russian by Mme. Lila Pargment, both of the University of Michigan faculty.

Other features of the Institute will be seminars in the social sciences and the humanities as they apply to all phases of life in the Far East.—Havas.

Fuehrer May Be Made Danzig Citizen

Honorary Distinction May Be Conferred Soon

Danzig, Apr. 18.

Great enthusiasm has been aroused here by a report that Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler, Chancellor of Germany, is to be made an honorary citizen of the Free City. The Fuehrer visited Danzig only once, in 1932, during the great electioneering campaign which preceded his assumption of the German Chancellorship, and then only for a very brief stay.

From an authoritative quarter it is learned that since Herr Albert Forster, Reichhstag deputy, was appointed regional leader of the National Socialist Party in Danzig, all important plans for new structural work in the Free City have been submitted to the Fuehrer, while the erection of many new buildings and the renovation of medieval houses has been due to suggestions made by him.

Presentation of letters patent, making the Reichsfuehrer an honorary citizen of Danzig will emphasize the close relationship between the Fuehrer of the German people and this Hanseatic city, which counts Adolf Hitler as its fourth honorary citizen following the late Field Marshal von Hindenburg, Regional Leader Forster, and the East Prussian poet, Max Halbe.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. Press Views on Fleet Transfer

Atlantic Being Watched By Britain and France

Washington, Apr. 17.

"The return of the American Fleet to the Pacific Ocean shows Japan that Washington keeps an eye on the Pacific," the "Evening Star" commented today on the Navy Department's latest order to most naval units to leave the Atlantic and return to their usual positions. "This action shows that Washington is to a certain extent ready to ease Anglo-French fears concerning the Far East," the "Evening Star" added.

The "Washington Daily News" wrote, "Despite Berlin's accusations against the 'encirclement' policy practised against it, it is clear that the only threat to peace today comes from the dictators. We do not pretend to know the reasons behind the order sending back the greater portion of the Fleet to the Pacific, but we are certain that they are good reasons. It is best that all the elements of our national defence system should be at their posts. As long as the fleets of France and Great Britain remain afloat, we have nothing to fear in the Atlantic," the newspaper concluded.—Havas.

Non-Intervention Committee

Winding-Up to Be Discussed At Foreign Office

London, Apr. 18.

Arrangements for the winding-up of the work of the Non-Intervention Committee will be discussed at the thirtieth plenary session of the committee on Thursday morning at the Foreign Office. The main points on the agenda include:—

1.—Termination of non-intervention agreements regarding the sending of war material and of volunteers to Spain;
2.—Approval of measures already taken in terminating all activities of the international board, which is the executive body of committee, and including the observation scheme; and
3.—Settling of financial details.

The winding-up of the non-intervention council, which is a registered committee, will necessarily take some considerable time.—Wireless Through Reuter.

New Supreme Court Member Sworn in

Washington, Apr. 18.

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